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They Come at Last.

BY S. D. ANDERSON.

They come at last,
Like the low gushing of the summer stream.
Those visions of the past,
That haunt me in my lonely hours a fairy's dream
Their blandishments has come
With sounds as sweet as Angel's melody,
Or the faint breathing hum
Of evening leaves in the wildwood tree
My spirit's natal hour
Caught all its lore from such a scene as this,—
And memory's power
Would rest its wing forever on this sweet of bliss
And in my charming ear
Comes voices soft as those of calmy spring!
Hopes rich and dear
As those to which a maiden's wishes cling
Hopes heritage is mine,
And pure ones mingle in the ceaseless song,
As healing o'er the chords
They swell the echoes of the bright wing'd throng
And round me as the spell
That shadows forth the fate of coming years.
As sibyls tell
Fates sealed book, alike its smiles and tears
And I have bowed
Before that image, not with cringing knee,
As do the crowd;
But high and holy was my thought of thee
They come at last,
Like the low gushing of the summer stream.
Those visions of the past,
That haunt me in my lonely hours a fairy's dream

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A Brother's Farewell to his Sister.

BY ALFRED HAZWELL.

Come near to me, my gentle girl,
Come share a brother's parting sorrow—
And weep with me those tears to-day,
Nay than, nor I, may shed to-morrow.
Come lean once more upon my breast,
As when a simple child caressing,
Then at knelt beside our mother's knee,
And pray to God to grant me blessing

The wind blows fiercely for the sea,
The dark waves high their crests do rear,
And ere morn's sun doth light the skies,
I'll be far away, my sister dear
Yet closer, closer round me cling
Thou art the only one I have to mourn.
None, none are near to repove the tear,
That flows to-day for a sister's sorrow

And say, that when between us lie
Wide lands and many a mountain billow
Thou wilt breathe a prayer to Him
Above to guard an lonely pillow,
And let me hear my fav'rite song,
Yet once more from thy sweet lip pealing,
For none are here to see the tear,
That flows to-day for a sister's sorrow.

Then lean once more upon my breast,
As when a simple child caressing,
Then at kneli beside our mother's knee
Ay! closer, closer round me cling,
Though sadness shed its tears to-morrow.
None, none are here to repove the tear
That flows to-day for a sister's sorrow.

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Original Tales.

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The Purse.

An American Tale.

BY SKETCHER.

PART I.

CHAPTER I.

It was a clear, cold, sunshiny Christmas morning in Philadelphia—Christmas, merry Christmas! Chesnut street was thronged with people, whose faces beamed with happiness, and whose heart leaped with joy, a joy not the least alasted by the thrilling peals, which ever and anon rung out from Christ Church bells. The old, the young, the rich and the poor, were all mingled together in the gay thoroughfare. All classes and conditions seemed to have thrown aside care, determined to enjoy blythe Christmas with unalloyed felicity.

Perhaps at no time before had I mingled so much with pleasure, more than hard-heartedness, that caused the gay groups who were going to and fro, to disregard the earnest appeals made to their sympathies by a young lad, apparently about fifteen years of age, who was trending his way through the throng, entreating them to bestow upon him a trifle for his poor mother.

He was a slender lad, and seemed to be quite delicate. Notwithstanding the poorness of his apparel, there was no appearance of vulgarity about him, on the contrary his every action was full of gentlemen and grace. There was something interesting in His features were regular, and finely cut; his brow broad and open, around which clustered masses of chesnut curls; his eyes jetty black; and his eye brows delicately arched, seemed like pencilings upon his clear white skin. There was no bloom upon his cheeks, as is usual in youth, and a shade of melancholy rested upon his face which told that though young he knew sorrow.

Poor lad! he wandered along several squares, seeking in vain to arrest the attention of some one of the busy crowd, but they all passed him by unheeding. The merry laugh, and the joyous tones fell harshly upon his ear; he could not share in them. "All hearts are light but mine," murmured he, and the tears started in his eyes. He wiped them away, and proceeded on a little farther, but with no better success.

Shivering with cold, for his clothes were poor and scanty, he was about to turn into a cross street in despair. Suddenly, however, he stopped, and appeared to hesitate.

"Poor mother!" said he to himself, "she will starve. No; I must not go home. I will try again."

At that moment he looked up, and saw three young girls, one about his own age, and the other two a little older, standing before a shop window, admiring the articles exposed there for sale. A new thought seemed to have struck him. Hitherto he had applied to gentlemen, and ladies; now he bethought him that perhaps those of his own years would lend a more willing ear. Accordingly he approached them, and instinctively addressed himself to the youngest. Whether it was the benevolent expression of her face, with its mild blue eyes, so different from the haughty appearance of the two dark eyed girls who were her companions, or whether it was because she was nearer his own age that he first accosted her he scarce knew.

"Will you please give me a few cents, Miss, to buy some food for my poor sick mother?" said he with downcast eyes.

"No, don't, Gertrude," said the eldest of the other two, looking scornfully upon him, and then addressing him she added, "we haven't got any to give away; we want all our money."

"Do, pray do," said the lad imploringly. "My father is dead, my poor mother is sick, and she has no fire to keep her from freezing this cold weather, nor has she any thing to eat. Only a few cents."

"I will give him some Jane," said Gertrude to the one who had spoken, "wouldn't you Louise?" she continued, turning to the other, as the tears glistened in her eyes.

"You may if you choose," answered Louise, "I think it foolish."

"Neither will I," said Jane.

"But his sick mother," said Gertrude

"Pooh! I hope you don't believe that story. He just wants to get some pennies that he may play pitchpenny with some of the other bad boys about the streets."

As she spoke the turned short around, and began to examine the articles in the shop window.

"Indeed I do not tell you a lie," said the boy warmly, fearing she might be influenced by the examples of her companions, "indeed I do not. Oh! do not refuse me. My poor, poor mother—I fear she will die before I get home. She has had nothing to eat these two days."

The kind hearted girl could not withstand the appeals of the shuddering boy, made as they were in such pitiful tones, and taking her purse from her bag she put it in his hands.

"Take this," said she, "my uncle gave it to me this morning to spend for Christmas things, but I can do very well without them. Run home with it quick, and may it make you more comfortable, if not merry, on this Christmas day."

The boy hesitated.

"Maybe your uncle will be angry, Miss," said he.

"No, no," she answered, "he gave it me to spend as I chose, and now I choose to give it to you. Hasten with it home."

"God bless you! God bless you!" he exclaimed, as the tears of gratitude coursed each other down his pale cheeks. "May you never want bread as we have done."

He would have thanked her more, but the thought of his starving mother came across his mind, and leaving them he was soon out of sight.

"What a dunce you are Gertrude," said Jane, "to go and give him all your money, too! Now you are done purchasing."

"Well, I don't care," said the good hearted girl, "come, cousins, let us go in the store if you want to make your purchases." They went in.

CHAPTER II.

The youth did not stop to count the contents of the purse he had received, but turning onward as rapidly as his benumbed limbs would allow him, he went his way toward the south-western part of the city. All he traversing many streets, he at last turned in to a small dirty lane whose aspect betokened the abode of poverty. Lifting the latch of an old frame fabric, situated therein, he rushed into an apartment, whose wretched appearance fully corresponded with the exterior of the building. Indeed it was almost destitute of furniture. A table, two or three old broken chairs, a few plates, and cups, upon a dresser, a water pail standing in one corner, and a candle-stick of tin that was upon the mantle, completed the furniture of the apartment—with the exception of a truckle bed near the chimney place. Upon this bed lay a woman, pale and attenuated, whose face, though thin and sunken, still bore marks of having once been beautiful. The soft Grecian outline of features, the thin and finely chiselled lips, the delicately arched eye brows, the full dark liquid eyes, and the jetty silken hair, that fell in a rich flood over the pillow, all betoken a lady, on which her head reclined, all told of past loveliness and beauty. She was pale, and appeared to be very weak and feeble—so much so that she did not shudder, even as the keen air, entering the cracks and crevices of the apartment, and blew over her miserable couch with bitemg chillness, though it might be, perhaps, that it was the intensiveness of the cold, which had already chilled the blood in her veins, and made her insensible longer to its freezing breath.

"Mother! mother!" cried the boy, throwing himself on his knees beside the lowly couch, as soon as he had entered the room, "mother, dear mother! speak! I hav come—I am home—do see!" and he held up the purse before her as he spoke.

The woman essayed to raise herself suddenly up as if to grasp it, but the effort was vain, and her slightly raised head fell again heavily upon the pillow. Her lips moved slowly: he bent his ear to catch her word.

"You did not—get it—unlawfully!" she muttered feebly.

"No, no, mother," said the boy, "it was given to me by a sweet creature—an angel—God bless her! Yes! God bless her sweet face—it was almost as pretty as your own. She was so kind, too. No, no, I did not steal it."

"Thank God!" murmured the woman faintly, and the blood played for a moment over her pale cheeks, and around her lips, and then fled, leaving them still more ghastly pale.

Poor woman! her trials were nearly over. That momentary flush told that death's icy touch was that chilling her very heart. The lad seemed to have some premonition of this, and, throwing his arms about her neck, the tears coursed each other rapidly down his cheeks, as he gazed earnestly in her face.

"Mother, dear mother!" he exclaimed earnestly, "look up, look up—be of good cheer—we will yet be happy. I will go and get the doctor for you—he will come now, for I will do without victuals, and give him all this money if he will make you well."

"Too late—too late," she whispered, her eyes slowly unclosing part way, and smiling half tenderly, half wildly.

"Oh! say not so, dear—dear mother, say not so. I will go this instant and fetch the doctor, and he will make you well, dear mother—he *shall*, for I cannot bear to part with you."

As he spoke, he grasped his cap from the part of the bed, where he had thrown it when he entered, and was about to leave the room. He had scarcely taken a step, however, ere a low groan from the sick woman checked his attention, and he turned again to the bedside. Her eyes were gradually closing, a slight convulsive tremor played for a second, or more, around her mouth, a chattering of the teeth, a shuddering of her frame, that shook passing away, left her a stiffening corpse. Her spirit had winged its flight to eternity.

"Mother! mother! oh! dear—dear mother!" he exclaimed, almost frantically, "speak—speak—do but speak again! Why do you not look upon me, mother!—upon your William. Can it—can it be you are——"

He could not say dead: it seemed too grating—too harsh. He took her hand in his; it was cold—icy cold. He knew it then; he knew she was dead. He threw his arms around her neck, and, pressing his lips to her pale cheek, wept as though his heart would break.

CHAPTER III

When Jane, and Louse Walton were done making their purchases at the store, they, with their cousin, Gertrude Clarendon, left it, and proceeded homeward. They soon arrived at a splendid mansion in Walnut street, and ringing the door bell, were in a few moments admitted. Hastening along the hall, they entered an elegantly furnished parlour, where sat a middle aged man, engaged in reading. He was a noble looking person, and on every lineament of his handsome features was marked benevolence, and mildness. He laid down his book as they entered, and with a pleasing smile asked how they had succeeded in their purchases.

"Oh, admirably!" said Jane and Louise, in a breath, and they proceeded to spread out before him the various things they had bought, consisting of ivory needle cases, gilt edged books, souvenirs, &c.

He examined them, and expressed his pleasure at their beauties.

"But where are yours, Gertrude?" said he, turning to his niece, who stood beside him, with one of her delicate hands laid upon his arm.

"I have none, sir," she replied.

"None! Why, did I not give you money so well as your cousins?"

"Yes, sir, but——"

"But what, my dear?" said he, winding his arm around her waist, and drawing her closer to him.

She hesitated to tell him, for fear he might be angry with her.

"I will tell you what she done, father," said Jane, "you know she believes every thing a beggar tells her, and so she gave all her money to a ragged boy, who told her a great story about his mother being sick—having nothing to eat—no fire, and so on."

"Indeed I could not help it, uncle," said Gertrude, putting her arm around his neck, and looking with her soft blue eyes coaxingly in his face, "indeed I could not. He begged so hard, and looked so pitiful, I really believe he told the truth. You will forgive me, uncle, will you not? I did not think when I gave him the purse about its being your gift, or I would have kept it, and given him the money only. I was so touched with his appeals that I put it into his hand without thinking. But you will not be angry, will you?"

"Angry! no, Gertrude, no! It were worth ten thousand purses, filled with ten thousand times the amount you have given, to know that you possess a generous heart! Girls," he continued, turning to his daughters, "I am astonished that you could not find it in your hearts to give this poor boy, at least, a part of yours."

"Forgive me, father," said Jane, abashed. "I have regretted since that I did not: I will strive to act more generous in future."

"And I, too, have since thought," said Louise, "that what he told us may have been true, and that we might have given him something for his mother."

"Well, well, my daughters," said their father, kissing their rosy cheeks, "for time to come always feel for, and remember the poor. Here, Gertrude," he continued, taking a note from his pocket book, "here is twice the amount you so kindly gave to the poor boy. Take it, my noble girl, you well deserve to be rewarded. Remember always that benevolence is one of the most godly of virtues."

So saying, he arose, and left the room.

It has been said that "the general makes the soldier." With the same propriety it may be asserted that the mother makes the daughter. It is a truth that cannot be denied. We have an illustration in the case before us. The mother of Jane and Louise (she was now dead) was a woman of the fashionable world, whose heart had been made callous by contact with society, so that it never responded to the calls of distress. Reared, too, amid wealth from her very birth, she in fact could not comprehend the sufferings of the poor. She had formed the opinion that all beggars were impostors, and some had been found so—an opinion, unfortunately for the virtuous poor, that is too generally prevalent. This opinion, by example, she instilled into her daughter's minds, and though they possessed hearts like that of their father's, naturally kind and benevolent, yet the example of their mother clung to them like an unseemly garment, hiding the beauty that lay beneath.

Not so was it with the mother of Gertrude,—Mr. Walton's sister. She was a woman, unlike Mrs. Walton, whose chief beauty was her mental accomplishments. She had a heart to feel for poverty, and an ever ready hand to alleviate its distresses.

But Gertrude's mother was now dead, as well as her father. They had died some years before, leaving her an orphan heiress to the guardianship of her uncle, who, like his sister, cherished the generosity of disposition which she possessed.

CHAPTER IV.

Alone in the counting-house of one of the extensive commercial establishments in the city of New York, sat a young man, apparently about twenty-one or two years of age. His arm rested upon the desk at which he was sitting, and his head reclined upon his hand. He was apparently so lost in meditation on some object that lay before him, for he sat for a long time without moving his eyes therefrom, or even so much as changing his position. At length, however, he gave vent to his thoughts in words.

"Three years have elapsed," said he, "since I received this purse, then I was a poor, ragged, penniless beggar boy; now I am her apparent to one of the richest men in this vast city—and I am happy—happy in the possession of this, of that day, and of her who gave me this, cannot fade. No! never! I vowed beside my poor mother's death bed, that if ever I were able, and could discover the person, whose kind heart prompted the half starved little mendicant, I would strive to repay the debt of gratitude I owe her. Would that I could! But I fear 'tis a vain hope, for I have nothing but this purse, with Gertrude Clarendon's name upon it. Well, perhaps it may chance yet to come to pass."

As he finished speaking the door of the counting room opened, and a man of middle age entered.

"Ah! William, is that you? look entirely at the purse again! Methinks there is some other feeling toward the donor in your heart, besides that of gratitude."

"Nay, uncle," answered the young man, confusedly, "I love to gaze upon it at times, because it reminds me of my mother——"

"And of a certain little blue-eyed lass, whom a certain William Leslie would have no objections to fall in love with, if he could happen to come across her again—that is he has not already, merely from gratitude." And the uncle looked archly in his nephew's face as he spoke.

"Nay, uncle, there would, perhaps, be but little use of that, even though I should 'come across her,' as you say, there are great changes happen in people' situations in six years—the poor sometimes become rich, and the rich, poor—and so, may be wedded, and have forgotten long, long ago the little beggar boy, or she may be dead, and lying in the cold and silent grave."

"Pshaw! you are jesting," said the uncle.

"But," continued the young man, "as I was saying, I love to look upon the purse, because it reminds me of my mother; and—I will not deny it, for I will ever remember—that it was to her I gave it to me; and last, though not least, because uncle, it brings to mind the debt of gratitude I owe to you. You who have cared for me like a father for a son."

"Aye! and who will care for you as a father for his son, even when he dies."

"May that day be long coming" and the young man turned away to hide a tear.

Suddenly, as he stood, looking on his gloves, left the counting house. He walked along meditating upon the conversation he had just been participating in, and ere he was aware he found himself in front of Walton's. A circumstance was just about to leave, and he stopped to witness its departure. All was bustle and noise. Passengers, some on foot and some in carriages, were constantly arriving, and hurrying to the cars. Porters were busying themselves and fro with baggage, some with wheelbarrows, some without. Car-men, hack-men, whitemen, black-men, all added their quota to the general din, while the noisy escape of the steam, the "roaring and roiling" of the boiler of the boat with its phizzing roar, in no-wise lessened the tumult. Then there were the partings of friends—the "farewell" uttered in a trembling voice—the frequent promises to write, the embracing, and, amid the lingering step, that told, as plain as words, how fond the hearts that were severing. What an exciting scene! So thought William Leslie, as he stood apart, watching the busy throng.

The last bell was rung—the "all aboard" had been proclaimed—and the fastenings were about being cast loose, when suddenly he was startled by the screaming of women, and the cry of "a man overboard." He ran toward the spot at the edge of the wharf, where the people were crowded most together, and beheld a man somewhat past the middle age struggling in the water. Nearly all around seemed paralized—none moved toward a rescue. Stone, it is true, recommended that ought to be done, but, as is usual, did not make any efforts themselves. William was a good swimmer, and seeing the imminent hazard of the gentleman, he immediately threw off his coat, and plunged in. He reached the man just as he was sinking the second time, and in a few more, they were both drawn on board the boat, which had been fastened again to the wharf.

The gentleman shook the water from his locks, and feeling in his pocket drew forth a well stored pocket-book, which he proffered to William.

"Take this, young man, as an unworthy reward for the invaluable service you have rendered me," said he, "at least, until I can have a better opportunity of giving you a more substantial proof of my gratitude. I would thank you could I find words to do so, but my heart is too full."

William put back the money with his hand.

"No, no," said he, "I did not risk my life for money, I risked it to save a fellow creature's life. Excuse me."

"Take this, then," said the gentleman, handing him his card, "and if you ever visit Philadelphia do not neglect to call upon me. My house, and heart, will ever be open to the preserver of my life."

The fastenings had been just cast loose again, and William, with the card in his hand, jumped ashore, whilst the boat proceeded on its way.

CHAPTER V

It was a gala day in Philadelphia—the anniversary of our independence—the birth day of our nation—the day of all days to an American freeman! That day, when the heart of every true Son of Columbia, beats with a prouder thrill—when his venture burn with a sacredness—when the patriot treads his native soil with a lighter step, and feels that he is FREE! What volumes does that word speak! Free! aye! so the wands that rove through other, and know no bounds. Freedom! 'tis a jewel kings do not possess; a title princes do not own. Yes! it is a day, the patriot glories in. It is a day when his soul expands in thankfulness, and his lips utter gratitude; a day when the events of that period that "tried men's souls" crowd thick before his inside eye, and he sees the bloody grounds of Lexington—of Bunker Hill—of Concord, and a host of others, where fought, and bled, "the heroes of the revolution."

It was on the morning of such a day, that a young man issued from one of the large hotels in Philadelphia, and bent his way leisurely along through several of the principle streets, to witness the demonstration of joy on all sides. The streets were thronged with people. The military, with music playing and colors flying, were marching in companies toward the place of general rendezvouz. Oldage, and blooming youth—grandsire, and grandson, grand-mother, and grand-daughter—alike were "keeping Fourth of July." The beauty and loveliness of the city were tripping along, gracing with their sunny charms the festivities of the day, proud in the knowledge that they were the daughters of the free. Here might be seen the honest mechanic, with his neatly attired wife and little ones, wending their way along on foot; there the man of wealth in his fine equipage, or the trut beau on his prancing steed. Altogether it was an exciting scene, not the least lessened by the frequent roar of artillery that ever and anon broke upon the ear.

The young man wandered on, witnessing with pleasure the enthusiasm of a happy people, and thanking God that he was born in America—that he could call himself a freeman. For some time he had continued his walk, and he was now before the time-honored, and venerable State House. What emotions thrilled in his bosom as he looked upon that hoary edifice!—Upon that very spot, where long years before, was read for the first time to an assembled people, the Declaration of our Independence. There within those walls had often assembled those men of Roman courage—those choice spirits who had dared throw off the shackles of tyranny,—the illustrious signers of the instrument that declared us no longer subject to a Britain's will, and who pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honors, for its support. Within its precincts, too, the footsteps of Washington, and La Fayette, had echoed——names whose memory will live forever in the hearts of a grateful people.

Full of such thoughts he stood rivetted to the spot, when suddenly he was startled by a piercing scream, and upon looking round he discovered a pair of horses, with a carriage at their heels, coming down the street toward him, with lightning speed. On, on they came in their madd'ning course, and he had just time to observe a lady's veil floating out of the window of the vehicle, and that the driver sitting on the box, though manfully tugging the animals, ere they were before him. The young man paused not an instant, but rushing forward he laid his hand upon the name of the nearest steed, and with his right spring, quick as lightning, he mounted his back. Grasping the reins, he continued to hold on with one hand, whilst with the other he drew from a side pocket a spring knife. Leaning down with great risk—for they were going at a rapid speed—he cut the harnessing of the off horse loose, as well as he could, and as far as he could reach, then regaining his upright position, with the point of his knife he pricked the nettled horse, which, with a tremendous leap, cleared the shaft, and shot away at a fearful speed. Flinging the knife away, the young man now exerted all his strength to stop the horse he rode. Gradually his pace diminished, and at last he stood still, and quivering every muscle, covered with foam. Some citizens at that instant laid hold upon the bridle, and jumping from his back, the young man opened the carriage door, and drew from within a young lady, who had fainted. Perceiving an apothecaries opposite, he immediately bore her hither. As he laid her upon a sofa in the shop, and whilst the proprietor was administering restoratives to her, he had an opportunity to examine her appearance. And what a vision of loveliness burst upon his sight! Her face was pale as death, yet it was divinely sweet, and her features were chiselled with an exquisite delicacy of outline. Her lids, half closed, revealed a pair of deep blue eyes, shaded by long silky lashes; and her eye-brows were just so delicately arched, and pencilled, as befitted the brow they graced. Her hair was black, and now free from restraint, fell in rich luxurance o'er her polished neck, as she lay there in calm unconsciousness.

Slowly she revived after a space, and, gazing wildly around seemed bewildered. After a moment, or so, memory began to resume its sway, and she recollected what had happened. The disordered apparel of the young man, as her eyes rested upon him, told her he was her preserver, and blushing, she extended her hand, and in a sweet voice thanked him for his invaluable services. He bowed, and then in order to avoid the praises of the surrounding spectators, he quitted the store, leaving her in care of the humane apothecary.

He had not been gone long before a gentleman appeared who addressed the young lady as *niece*, and who was almost frantic with joy at her safety. Upon the lady's sufficiently recovered, a carriage was procured, and he departed with her, regretting greatly that he was deprived of an opportunity of beholding the saviour of his niece's life.

CHAPTER VI

On the morning after the event related in the foregoing chapter, the young man again left his lodgings in the city, for a place near Walnut street. As he went along, his eye took notice of every carriage that passed him, as though he would fain behold again the lovely girl he had rescued. Yes, he longed to behold her, he knew not why. She had in her thoughts all the preceding day, and he had dreamed of her by night, and now he wished he could but behold her again. But it was vain. Many carriages passed him, containing fashionable equipage, upon his graceful form as they whirled by; but those mild blue orbs that had looked so sweetly upon him the day before, were invisible.

He arrived at length at a handsome mansion, and ascending the steps, his pocket, looked first upon it, and then at the plate upon the door; then mounting the marble steps, he pulled the silver handled bell. In an instant the servant answered the summons.

"Does Mr. Walker reside here?" inquired the young man.

"Yes sir; will you walk in?"

The servant formerly ushered parlour into which he was ushered bespoke the wealth of the inmates.

"Your name, sir, if you please," said the servant

"He is unacquainted with my name; take this to him," answered the young man, handing him the card.

The servant departed, and in a few moments footsteps were heard in the entry, and then a gentleman of some forty years, or more, entered the apartment. He stood a second near the threshold, and steadfastly regarded the features of his visitor; then stepping forward him with a hasty pace, he grasped the young man's hand with a warmth that told he was no unwelcome guest.

"Welcome, welcome," said he, "a thousand welcomes. Had I a hundred tongues, they could not give sufficient welcome to the noble presence of my life. John," he continued, summoning the servant, "bid your mistress come hither."

"And now," said he to the young man, "allow me to inquire to whom I am indebted for preservation from a watery grave."

"You set too high a value upon my poor services sir. My name is William Leslie, nephew of Charles Richardson, of New York."

"The merchant Richardson of New York!" inquired he.

The young man nodded assent.

"I know it in it, for he is a worthy man."

"Alas, sir, he lives no more," and the tears dimmed the young man's eyes, "he died about a month since."

"Dead! May he rest in peace!"

At this moment a light step was heard at the threshold, and what was William Leslie's surprise to behold before him the lovely girl he had saved from death the preceding day. Blushing, she immediately, and before the gentleman had time to introduce William, proceeded to thank him for her life.

"How is this niece?" asked Mr. Walton.

"It was he, Uncle, who yesterday saved me," said she with downcast eyes.

Tears of gratitude started to the Uncle's eyes.

"Them, Gertrude, we both owe to him—"

"Gertrude!" interrupted the young man eagerly, "excuse me if I inquire your niece's family name."

"Clarendon," was the reply.

"Clarendon! Do you know ought of this purse, Miss?" said he putting one in her hand.

"I do," said she, as after examining it she handed it to Mr. Walton. "Uncle do you remember your gift?"

Astonishment was depicted in the countenances of each. They knew the purse, but recollected but dimly how it had passed from their possession.

"I have it now," cried Mr. Walton suddenly, "it is the one you so generously gave to a little beggar boy on Christmas day, many years ago."

"Yes, yes," said Gertrude, "now I remember; I little expected to see him."

"Perhaps you be little expected to see him to whom you gave it," said William, "I and the little beggar boy are one."

We will pass over the mingled astonishment and pleasure of the parties, and only notice briefly the events of his life, as he related them to Mr. Walton and his niece.

His mother, who with a brother were the only children of a rich merchant of New York, had married against her father's consent, and was by him disowned. Her brother, who dearly loved her, essayed to dispell her father's anger, but it was unavailing. Her, and her husband, removed to the West, and her brother heard no more of them. In a year or two afterwards the old gentleman died, leaving all his fortune to his son, who would fain have sought his sister out, and shared with her his riches, but he knew not where to seek her. In the meanwhile bad fortune seemed to pursue his sister, and her husband, in the West. Two children had been born to them, William the hero of our story, and a daughter; the latter died when she was about two years old. Sickness, and other casualties, reduced them greatly, and they thought if they could but get back again to their native city, they might get some assistance from Mrs. Leslie's father, who by this time probably had relented. But Mr. Leslie did not live to reach New York. Grief and care had undermined his health, and he died ere they had completed half the journey. William, and his mother, reached Philadelphia, where Mrs. Leslie was taken sick and died, as we have seen, in poverty. William had often heard her speak of his grandfather, and uncle, and after having her buried with part of the money he received from Gertrude, he journeyed by the aid of the remainder, to New York, and sought out his uncle, who received him, and treated him with a father's kindness, and when he died made him his heir.

"And now," said William, "I will ever bless the day I became the possessor of this purse."

Reader! need I prolong my story? I ween not. You have no doubt already guessed what happened next: that after a courtship there was a declaration of love, and after a declaration of love a marriage, and to some that more important thing a marriage feast. You are perfectly right. But you will not, perhaps, so easily divine what became of two other characters in my story. I think I hear you inquiring slowly what of "Jane and Louise Walton?" Oh! I had forgot to state that Jane blushed when they had ready ceased to exist, and were buried——"Ceased to exist! Buried!" You're exclaiming. Hold! now, not so fast. I do not mean that they had ceased to exist in life, but that they had ceased to be your friends of my early life, and what I know of my birth, I have satisfied you, adieu!

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From the Southern Literary Messenger

A Maiden Set by a Linden Tree.

A maiden sat by a Linden tree
In a Southern forest, wild and free.
And the leaves and the flowers and the silver dew
Be Summer's light winds sway'd
Ne'er trembled to a sweeter tale
Than that, he his betray'd—
As a lover knelt to that maiden pale,
And breath'd the fervent words of love
Thoughts, such as lovers only know

The lover's cheeks were gay and free
As he knelt by her side 'neath the Linden tree
And he spoke of a home in a distant clime
Through snowing, and unknown
And I know that he told that maiden true
Most sweetly on melodious
Come go with me, and rival there
That light of our Western home
But the maiden's cheek grew more pale
For her thoughts were with her silent vale

The lover changed his accents free
As he knelt beneath the Linden tree
And they grew to a deep impassion'd wail
For, he heard was full of woe
And thus he said "I from this silent vale
Sweet lady, you will not go"
But his tone has touch'd that maiden pale
And the bright tears flew from her eyes
She has won'd onto him her first love there
And follows the light of his Western star

The Gipsy Girl.

It was a rich autumnal evening, and the sky had that soft and mellow hue, which is only seen at the decline of a November day, when a horseman might be discovered, leisurely moving along a lonely road, which wound through a dark and rugged bank, in the vicinity of one of those old forests for which England is so celebrated. The stranger was attired in a common shooting dress, and mounted on a sturdy little pony, who seemed intended more for use than for show. The lane was almost deserted, but now and then a village maiden would pass the rider, and as she did, it might have been remarked that she turned back a second look at the stranger, with some hesitance. The road, however, soon became more solitary, and for nearly a quarter of an hour the horseman pursued his way in silence.

Suddenly, however, he stopped, abstractedly, like one thinking aloud, "I have seen this place before; yet when I know not. The recollections of it come across me like an object behold in a dream, like and shadow. Ah! yes, I know it, the cottage, the school house, the barn, beside a glacied and twisted oak, which for centuries had braved the tempest, "I recollect it as vividly as if I had seen it only yesterday," and he put his hand to his brow, as if endeavoring to recall some distinctive recollection to his memory. But the effort appeared to be unsuccessful, and after a moment's pause, he gave his horse the rein, and went on.

As he proceeded the road grew less wild, and at last emerged into an open glade of the forest. He had half crossed the verdant meadow when the cries, apparently of a boy, were heard amid the distance, and hastily pressing his horse onward, he discovered a little dark-eyed child, not more than ten years old, in the hands of a coarse, ruffianly-looking rustic, who was beating him unmercifully. A young girl, about eighteen years of age, was endeavoring the save the lad, and single glance convinced the horseman that, though her dark eyes, comb-black hair, and characteristic costume betokened her to be a gipsy, few of any race could vie with her in beauty. It was the impulse of a moment to spring from his horse, and snatch the boy from the grasp of the rustic, sternly demanding at the same time what had induced him to abuse one so inferior in strength. The man somewhat abashed, stammered out that he knew him to be a young rascal, who belonged to a gang of gipsys, that had pilfered his farm-yard of poultry.

"Oh! no—believe him not," said the gipsy girl, speaking for the first time since the interference of the stranger, "it is not so—Heaven knows—he did it—he is my brother"—and as she lifted her countenance, with its dark eyes still glistening with tears, to the face of the young man, he felt that there was that in her artless earnestness which proved that she spoke only truth.

"It is enough," said he, turning to the now sullen countryman, "that you were beating a child—shame on your manhood for it—and I take care, I add he, as if to emphasize the girl, "that he harms you no more if you wish to go."

The girl seemed too eager to escape from the presence of the brutal farmer, to hesitate a moment in adopting the stranger's advice, but hurriedly taking her brother's hand, she struck off into the depths of the forest. As she turned to go, however, she lifted her eyes once more to the face of the stranger. That look of gratitude, so timid, and yet so unreserved, lingered in his memory for years. The rustic looked sullenly after his retreating victim for a minute, and then with a muttered imprecation struck across the glade. Watching long enough to be satisfied that he insulted no pursuit after the gipsies, the young man mounted his pony, and continued his journey.

The moon was already visible above the tops of the neighboring trees, when he emerged from the wood, a mile or two distant from where we last left him, and trying his horse to the pacing of a neighboring park, sprang lightly over the enclosure. At the first sound of his footsteps on the turf, a light female form stole noiselessly out of a neighboring shadow. In the next minute she was locked in the intruder's arms.

"Isabel—my own, my love," passionately and the young man, pressing her to his breast.

"Herbert, you have come at last, but why," murmured his companion, "who are you so late."

"I had an adventure, and I missed my way; but it is nothing now that I see you once more," and he playfully kissed her cheek.

And minute after minute passed, and those two young beings still continued, conversing in low tones, such as only lovers use or can understand. At last the lady said, as if in allusion to something of which they had been speaking.

"But Herbert, you know this cannot always be, and that my father will grow impatient for me to answer, either favorably or not, the addresses of Sir John De Vere—counsel me," and the beautiful girl, almost wrung her hands "how how shall we act"

"Isabel, my own Isabel," said the lover passionately, "why will you thus almost forbid me to hope! As you say yourself this temporizing must come to an end. Why not," and he pressed the fair girl again to his side, "end it at once, and be mine! I cannot offer you splendor—God knows I wish I could!—but I have at least a competence at my command. My commission and my little fortune will together afford us that.

"No—no, it cannot be—I cannot desert my father,—ask me to do any thing but that."

For a moment the lover was silent, and perhaps a slight frown might have been seen a moment on his brow. If so it passed instantly away. His companion seemed to read his feelings, for laying her hand confidingly on his, she looked up into his face, with her soft, blue eyes, and said,

"Herbert—you know how I love you, but surely you would not ask me to prove it, by openly disobeying the only parent I have left. Perhaps I do wrong even in meeting you here—at any rate it must be the last one for the present. Nay, now, do not say any thing, dear Herbert, for I am all your own, and though fate may never make me yours, no one shall ever make me another," and bursting into tears she flung herself unreservedly into her lover's arms.

"Nay, dry up those tears, sweet one," said he, soothing her gently, "I did but jest—you are too pure, and good, Isabel, for one like me. But listen now, dearest, to what I have often promised to tell you of my early life, and what I know of my birth. Remember I said I would tell it to you to-night."

The beautiful girl lifted her head from his shoulder, brushed back the thick tresses from her snowy forehead, and with her lover's hand clasped in her own, sat down to listen to his story.

"Of my early childhood," began the lover, "I have but a faint recollection, yet I remember a rich old hall, and that a sweet lady, dressed in black, used to take me in her arms, and look into my face until the tears gushed from her eyes. Then she would kiss me again and again—but all this seems only like a half remembered dream. I recollect, too, a wide lawn, for such it seemed to me, and a guarded and twisted oak is the scene of part I saw with much surprise to-night. Then I recollect a dismal day when every thing was long in black, and they told me the sweet lady was dead. I knew not then what they meant, but I do now. Then I recollect that they meant, but I do now. Leaning down with great risk—for they were going at a rapid speed—I cut the harnessing of the off horse loose, as well as he could, and as far as he could reach, then regaining his upright position, with the point of his knife he pricked the nettled horse, which, with a tremendous leap, cleared the shaft, and shot away at a fearful speed. Flinging the knife away, the young man now exerted all his strength to stop the horse he rode. Gradually his pace diminished, and at last he stood still, and quivering every muscle, covered with foam. Some citizens at that instant laid hold upon the bridle, and jumping from his back, the young man opened the carriage door, and drew from within a young lady, who had fainted. Perceiving an apothecaries opposite, he immediately bore her hither. As he laid her upon a sofa in the shop, and whilst the proprietor was administering restoratives to her, he had an opportunity to examine her appearance. And what a vision of loveliness burst upon his sight! Her face was pale as death, yet it was divinely sweet, and her features were chiselled with an exquisite delicacy of outline. Her lids, half closed, revealed a pair of deep blue eyes, shaded by long silky lashes; and her eye-brows were just so delicately arched, and pencilled, as befitted the brow they graced. Her hair was black, and now free from restraint, fell in rich luxurance o'er her polished neck, as she lay there in calm unconsciousness.

Slowly she revived after a space, and, gazing wildly around seemed bewildered. After a moment, or so, memory began to resume its sway, and she recollected what had happened. The disordered apparel of the young man, as her eyes rested upon him, told her he was her preserver, and blushing, she extended her hand, and in a sweet voice thanked him for his invaluable services. He bowed, and then in order to avoid the praises of the surrounding spectators, he quitted the store, leaving her in care of the humane apothecary.

He had not been gone long before a gentleman appeared who addressed the young lady as *niece*, and who was almost frantic with joy at her safety. Upon the lady's sufficiently recovered, a carriage was procured, and he departed with her, regretting greatly that he was deprived of an opportunity of beholding the saviour of his niece's life.

CHAPTER VI

On the morning after the event related in the foregoing chapter, the young man again left his lodgings in the city, for a place near Walnut street. As he went along, his eye took notice of every carriage that passed him, as though he would fain behold again the lovely girl he had rescued. Yes, he longed to behold her, he knew not why. She had in her thoughts all the preceding day, and he had dreamed of her by night, and now he wished he could but behold her again. But it was vain. Many carriages passed him, containing fashionable equipage, upon his graceful form as they whirled by; but those mild blue orbs that had looked so sweetly upon him the day before, were invisible.

He arrived at length at a handsome mansion, and ascending the steps, his pocket, looked first upon it, and then at the plate upon the door; then mounting the marble steps, he pulled the silver handled bell. In an instant the servant answered the summons.

"Does Mr. Walker reside here?" inquired the young man.

"Yes sir; will you walk in?"

The servant formerly ushered parlour into which he was ushered bespoke the wealth of the inmates.

"Your name, sir, if you please," said the servant

"He is unacquainted with my name; take this to him," answered the young man, handing

passed to him—and the next minute an armed three of more than dragoons dashed furiously into their midst, and springing from their steeds had seized, and made prisoners the assailants, almost before the young chief had recovered from his surprise sufficiently to come forward and recognize in his deliverers a portion of his own company.

"Howard! you here?" was his first exclamation, addressed to the officer in command, whose rich uniform betokened him to be of the rank of a major.

"How, Woodruff—it is a long story—but as we were marching to—a gipsy girl met us on the road, and told me if I would save your life, I must come here on a hard gallop. I did not hesitate for knowing you were misunderstanding horsehoofs, I racked out a half's space of your own men, and here I am; and you may thank the girl's beauty for believing her. Faith! as soon as she mentioned your name, I saw how it was—but," he continued, his eye hoping, for the first time, to fall upon the woman, "whom have we here?"

In a few hurried words Woodruff explained all to the astonishment of the major.

"But we must leave it proved—the most sweet to it before a magistrate within an hour—here," said he, addressing one of the dragoons, "have this woman mounted as well as you may behind one of you—'faith, my faith, where is the third villain I saw here—has he escaped?"

It was indeed so. During the first confusion of the attack the ruffian who had plotted the woman's ruin had made his escape unnoticed. Nothing was now left therefore but to hasten from the ground.

The story of the woman was reduced to writing by the magistrate, and regularly sworn to. The next point was to substantiate her accusation by other evidence if possible. Meanwhile the officers of Woodruff's regiment, which had now arrived, crowded around him to offer their congratulations. Suddenly, however, a man on horseback dashed up to the justice's door, and rushed breathlessly into his room.

"The Earl of Stanforth—the Earl of Stanforth," was his agitated exhumation.

"But what of him?" said the magistrate advancing.

"He is dead."

"Dead!" said the group, recoiling, "but how did he die?"

"He shot himself through the head," said the man, "and they've sent me to you to come up as coroner."

It appeared from subsequent developments that the fugitive from the Wizard's Glen had been no other than the gipsy, whom we have introduced as being the agent of the earl in removing the young heir from his path. He had engaged a party of smugglers to assist him, and it was their leader whom Woodruff had killed. The gipsy had hurried back to the castle to inform the nobleman of their failure; and that all had been discovered.—The ignominy of detection, acting on the haughty mind of the earl, had led him to commit suicide.

Our tale is done. The gipsy, in attempting to make his escape, was caught, and subsequently substantiated the evidence of the nurse. The young heir, thus identified, took possession of the estates without opposition.

The gipsy girl was seen no more. How she obtained intelligence of the contemplated attack was never known, but it is supposed that by some means she overheard the conversation of the gipsy with the smuggler, as it was known to have taken place in their encampment. Her tribe passed away from the vicinity on the night of the earl's death, and the inquiries of the young heir were without avail. About two months after, however, he received a crumpled note from a ragged little boy, who instantly disappeared. It was short, and ran thus:

"I shall never see you more. I could not bear it, and he happy, for they tell me that you are about to be married to a fair lady of your own race. May you be happy. The greatest pleasure I shall hereafter enjoy will be in thinking I once saved your life."

"Poor girl," said the young earl, handing the letter to his young countess, whom all our readers will recognize as Isabel Reverdy, "we owe her every thing—I would she could be found."

"And so do I, Herbert, for alas! she is unhappy poor girl!"

We drop the curtain. Years of unalloyed felicity passed over the earl, and his still beautiful bride, but they never heard again of the gipsy girl.

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Acknowledgment.

We give our thanks to a large number of the subscribers of the Post, for the very handsome manner in which remittances have been made to us, for some time past, and for the quality of the funds, in which they have been made. We shall endeavor on our part to do justice to them in turn.

A word to those still in arrears. We shall be much obliged for a speedy settlement, as the volume is now opened, and we wish to start, unencumbered by back accounts. Let the accounts all be settled up, and we will take a *fair* start together and see who shall first tire in the race. *We shall continue to issue a splendid paper.*

An Apology.

We owe our readers an apology for the appearance of the Post this week. An error was committed by the manufacturer, in regard to the size of the paper, and was not discovered until we went to press, when it was too late to correct it.

The Extra Session of Congress.

Much dissatisfaction seems to prevail at the prospect of a prolonged session of Congress. More than a month has been spent, and but little, if any thing has been done. The time in the lower house appears to be devoted to empty brawling, with no regard to the amount of money which is thus ceaselessly frittered away. There appears to be a growing desire for long sessions, and each member appears to be willing to contribute his mite, to bring about a result so desirable. We agree with a writer in one of the daily papers, who says that whatever is desired to be done should be tested by a camera vote of which ever party desires to forward a measure, and if it cannot be done, it should be abandoned at once, and the country would thus be saved much money, and the members much breath.

There appears, however, to be a thorough splitting up of parties, and but little union among the Administration. The plans which it seemed desirable to further have not met with the cordial and unanimous support which was expected, and without any majority of purpose; the party leaders are driving along without much aim. Not much regard, it is true, is to be paid to rumors from Washington, but the indications are strong that there is a difference of opinion between the President and Mr. Clay, as to the *kind* of a National Bank which shall be established. The former is supposed to favor the project of Mr. Ewing, and the latter supports most emphatically the amendments introduced by himself. On the other hand, the opposition moves in solid column against the measure, watching and favoring every sign of dissension on the part of the friends of the National Bank.

The Congressional news will sufficiently explain the causes of discussion, and will show, that Messrs. Evans and Preston are in direct opposition to Mr. Clay, and that nothing but a compromise can enable them to carry through successfully the measures which they deem of advantage to the government and the people. We have watched the progress of the session pretty closely, and to our mind, the business for which Congress was convened, has not progressed in the least degree. There have been modifications and amendments of all kinds, but has there been any thing brought forward which a majority will sanction, and the President sustain? Do the parties at all understand the views of each other? We think not.

There appears to be rather a desire to make political capital by both sides of the political parties represented on the floors of Congress than a wish to serve the people. We care not whether the plans advocated and opposed be upon one side or the other of the great questions which agitate the political world, they should be treated and discussed with proper courtesy and forbearance, and in all good faith, and if good, should be supported, and if injurious to the country, or in opposition to the spirit of its Constitution should be unhesitatingly rejected. These considerations Congress is to decide, and all trifling and idle debate upon questions irrevelant, or of secondary importance, should be discarded, and with an eye to the prosperity of the country and the economy of its money, the representatives of the people should fully law, and think and act more.

Celebrations.

The 60th of July was very generally observed in this city, in honor of the anniversary of our National Independence. The day was generally fine. The prominent feature of the day was the celebration of the various Temperance Associations of the city and county. A large number, and a majority being adults, met at the Franklin Square in the morning, and about the hour designated took up their line of march in three grand divisions, under the direction of Marshals, on horseback, dressed in appropriate, with several bands of music, and each society and association displaying a banner. There were about twenty societies, and made an aggregate in the procession of over seven hundred persons. After passing through the route in the city, the procession went over Schuylkill in the woodlands at Fairmount, where addresses were made by Messrs. Atwood and Bermingham, with other exercises. The company and partook of refreshments provided on the ground, and spent a delightful day, returning into the city about six o'clock.

A number of Youths' and Eighteen School Temperance Societies paraded, numbering some two or three hundred children, both and female, had also marching through a few of our streets, three of the western section of the city repaired to the Rev. Mr. Chambers' Church, in Broad street, where they were addressed by the Rev. Mr. Story. Those of the eastern section went to the Tabernacle in Broad street, and were addressed by the Rev. Mr. Wesson.

The Catholic Total Abstinence procession was large and truly imposing. A large number of societies were present with beautiful banners, each member wearing a medal attached to his coat by a piece of ribbon. It is computed that near three thousand persons were in the procession. This body, after passing through a number of streets, proceeded to the Philadelphia Museum, where the Declaration of Independence was read by Alderman Binns, and an oration by the Rev. Dr. Moriarty, together with other exercises of a very interesting character.

The Repeal Association.

This Association celebrated the anniversary of our National Independence in a spirited manner. At noon they met in great numbers in Independence Square, and after electing about one hundred new members, and after Judge Doran had concluded reading letters from the Boston, Wilmington and Norristown Repeal Associations and from William Donnan, Esq. of New York, the Association formed into procession, preceded by the volunteer companies of the Hibernia Greens, Lieutenant commanding Frederick Mullen, the Montgomery Hibernia Greens, Captain Robert Flanagan, and the Irish Volunteers, a new military company not yet uniformed. Then followed a barouche, in which were Judge Doran and John Binns, Esq. another drawn by four horses, containing the New York delegation, and a third in which were several revolutionary soldiers. Next came the Lancaster Repeal Association, with a very handsome banner; they mustered about forty-five members, and were under the direction of Colonel Rush Fraser, of Lancaster. Then followed the Philadelphia Repeal Association; they were divided into four hundred and sixty-five sections, each containing four men, making the whole number of Philadelphia Repealers on parade, eighteen hundred and sixty; they arrived at the Arch street Theatre at about four and a half o'clock, the hours of which, it appeared, had been entirely devoted to the ladies. The pit was reserved for the members and others attending the Association, but it was too small to accommodate one half of them. Immediately upon the arrival at the Theatre, the President took his seat upon an elevated platform on the stage, Judge Conrad being on his right, and Alderman Binns on his left. He made a few appropriate remarks, and was followed by Alderman Binns, who read the Declaration of Independence. Judge Conrad delivered the Oration, and a beautiful production it was. His subject was the wrongs of Ireland, the injustice of England, and the perfect propriety of Americans sympathizing with all people—particularly the Irish—struggling to be free. The orator was repeatedly cheered. At the request of Judge Doran, the Rev. Dr. Moriarty addressed the meeting in a most eloquent appeal for repeal; he was also enthusiastically applauded. Votes of thanks were passed to Judge Conrad, Alderman Binns, the Harrisburg, New York, Wilmington, Lancaster and Baltimore Repeal Societies; the Association then adjourned to meet again on next Monday evening, in the room of the District Court. By the way, we omitted to mention that the "revolutioners" in one of the barouches were exilled Irish patriots of '98.

POLITICAL CELEBRATION.—The Democratic party of this city and county held a meeting at 9 o'clock in the State House Yard, at which Henry Horn presided. Thomas B. Florence read the Declaration of Independence, and William D. Kelley delivered an Oration. After it had adjourned, the Democrats partook of a dinner at Bush Hill, Col. Page presided.

The Whigs of the Third Congressional District had a dinner at the Harrison and Tyler Head Quarters, in Third street near Green. Joseph A. Flanigan, Esq. presided.

The citizens of the first and second Congressional Districts had a dinner at Dunlap's, City Hotel, President Joseph R. Chandler, Esq.

The Ironsides Club, and the friends of Commodore Stewart, celebrated the day by a dinner at Paschal's, Lebanon Hotel. General M. Welsh read the Declaration of Independence, and John Miles, Esq. delivered the Oration.

LITERARY CELEBRATION.—The Pennsylvania Literary Institute, agreeably to its announcement, celebrated the anniversary at the church in Tenth street below Spruce, at which was present a highly respectable and intelligent audience. The exercises were continued with an excellent and appropriate prayer, from Rev. Mr. Todd, followed by the reading of the Declaration of Independence, by Mr. F. A. Plumer. The oration, the particular feature in the celebration, was pronounced by Dr. H. S. Patterson. The discourse was a most appropriate one, possessing much merit as a literary production, and displaying an uncommon degree of intellectual vigor and originality in the writer. It afforded no much delight to the hearers as it will add to the reputation which he so much has deservedly acquired by literary efforts of a similar character. The exercises were concluded with another prayer, and singing by the choir, which latter was of a very superior character, and produced an agreeable effect upon the assembly. Among the various modes which were selected for commemorating the great event of our National Independence, we doubt if one so rational and more in accordance with the spirit of the day could have been chosen.

At the Philadelphia Museum, Mrs. Watson gave a Concert, and sang, as she always does, delightfully.—Mr. Thayer spoke an Address written for the occasion by Judge Conrad, and both the production and the delivery were received with much favor.

Towards evening the clouds began to look threatening, and at half past eight o'clock the city was visited by a most terrific storm of thunder and lightning with wind, rain and hail. The rain poured in torrents. Just as the storm commenced, the rope walks above Kensington took fire from the lightning, and continued to burn, notwithstanding the rain for upwards of two hours, rendering the scene one of awful sublimity. A house on the Ridge Road was struck with lightning. No accidents so far as we have ascertained occurred on the Delaware with the exception of the upsetting of two small boats near Gloucester Point.

A BARN DESTROYED.—We also learn, that a new barn at Bristol, the property of James Cooper, Esq. was struck by lightning, and together with a large quantity of grass and hay, and a valuable carriage horse, were destroyed.

ANOTHER.—About the same time, a barn on the opposite side of the river in Jersey, was struck by lightning and consumed.

We may add that the light from the fire near Richmond Village, was seen down the river by the passengers in the Cape May boat—that—as far as the Pea Patch. The storm reached Newcastle about 9 o'clock, but although violent, it had evidently expended much of its fury.

High School Examination.

The examination of the High School of Philadelphia, took place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, in the recitation room of the school. This Institution is under the control of Professor Bache. Its course of discipline is considered as complete as that afforded by any academy in the country, and all the physical arrangements in the size, situation and furniture of the school rooms are of corresponding character with its intellectual grade. The whole air of the place is elegant and respectable, and the effect on the manners and conduct of the pupils is most salutary.

We wish to see these independable High Schools multiplied all over the State. They must be, in order to give tone, character, progress and stability, to the system. Common School Education must look up or it will go down. No amount of intellectual and moral refinement, of accomplishment and polish must be deemed excessive for public education.

Whatever is public, should enjoy proportional importance with the diffusion or universal character. The converse of this proposition is, however, too often held. Public School has been looked upon hitherto as a right wring of the almshouse, instead of the vestibule of the workshop, the counting-house or the college. If the education of two or three thousand should command the first resources in time, money and discipline, how much more should the education of two or three hundred thousand, and finally, two or three hundred millions,—of American youth. The tremendous revenues of fortune which each every day life should much every prudent parent to look to the State as the alma mater of his child, where in her free and hearty embrace, he and may be warmed into a knowledge of the eternally true and beautiful. Good teachers likewise have the largest interest in supporting a system which renders their profession a question of statistical dignity and weight, ennobles their calling in general estimation, and places it beyond the range of individual caprice and folly, and affords an active and profitable display for their talents without any sacrifice of feeling on their part.

Removing Peach Trees.

The editor of the N. E. Farmer says that a gentleman residing in Cambridge, informs him that observed placed around the roots of the diseased peach stock, was sentinelle. He immediately removed the soil from around the trunk of a sickly tree in his garden, supplied its place with charcoal, and was surprised at its sudden recuperation, and subsequent rapidity of its growth, and the security with which the trait held on to the branches, and the unusual coldness of its fruit when matured.

Shotwell Ceremonies.

According to arrangement the remains of Col. John Hodel were taken from the burial ground in Bank street, near Market, under the direction of P. B. Dick, general superintendent of the ceremonies; and after being deposited in a mahogany coffin, covered with black cloth, silver mounted, bearing upon a silver plate the following inscription:—"In memory of Col. John Hasdel, of the Delaware regiment, who fell at Princeton, in the cause of American Independence, January 3d, 1777." They were removed to and placed in the vestibule of the First Presbyterian Church, on Washington Square, preparatory to their conveyance to Dover, Del. where they are to be re-interred, and a monument erected to his memory, under an act of the Legislature of that State. On Friday morning last, as previously arranged, the military of the first and second divisions, under the command of Major General Patterson, were formed, and proceeded to the church, where, at the hour appointed, the procession moved off in the following order—during which time minute guns were fired in the Washington Square, and the old Statehouse bell tolled in deep and solemn peals.

The military in reversed order, with several bands of music, took the right, and marched in slow and mournful measured time—next followed the hearse, entered in appropriate badges of mourning, drawn by four black horses, led by colored grooms, containing the coffin, which was overshrouded in the large blue and white flag of the mean frigate Mississippi, over which was held a yellow standard belonging to the 1st City Troop, the same which was carried by that corps at the battle of Princeton, where the hero Hadel fell.

On either side of the hearse, walked the following gentlemen:

Messrs. John Binns, James Harper, Calendar Irwine, William J. Dunne, Bernard McCready, Michael McCready, William Wilson and Robert Taylor, as pall bearers, surrounded immediately in the form of a hollow square, by the members of the First City Troop, Captain Hart.

Next followed, in a barouche, the committee of superintendence appointed by the Legislature of the State of Delaware, and the President of the Hibernian Society of this city, succeeded by another barouche, containing several gentlemen, among whom were recognized Judge Hopkinson, of the United States Court, and Judge Pettit, of the District Court.

Then followed a number of the officers of the Navy; then the Hibernian Society, preceded by the banner of that body, the members wearing badges.

To those succeeded a large number of natives of the State of Delaware, residing in Philadelphia; and citizens of Delaware, followed by citizens of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

After proceeding on the route up Walnut street to Thirteenth street, up Thirteenth street to Arch street, and down Arch street to Water street, the military took post on each side of the street, when the hearse, attended by the pall bearers, the First City Troop, and the Hibernian Society, proceeded slowly through the defiles of the military escort to the wharf.

On arriving at the Arch street wharf, Alderman John Binns, who had been specially selected for the purpose by the Hibernian Society, delivered the following admirable address to the Delaware Committee:

"We are assembled to pay the homage of our high consideration to the memory of one, who, in the darkest days of our perilous struggle, took up arms in defence of Independence; one who bravely fought and gloriously died. While we are thus doing honor to ourselves, and bending over the remains of a Hero of the Revolution, deputations from our constituted authorities and masses of our fellow citizens are taking "to the house appointed for all living," the body of one who was most dear to us; a hero of two wars, one who had but recently been chosen Chief Magistrate of "these United States"—William Henry Harrison.

The Statesman of Republics has been a theme on which the enemies of self-government have delighted to expatiate. We deny that Republics are ungrateful. "I belonged to the army of the Revolution," has been a passport to honors and emoluments in every State of our proud Republic. We therefore are especially warranted in branding the stigma as a base libel. The page of history is darkly crimsoned with the deeds of Cæsars, of Cromwells, and of Napoleons; of men whose honors heads were red with the blood of their too grateful countrymen. Countries are the nurses of those who, exalted by the gratitude of their countrymen, have trodden down the liberties of Republics, while the whole human family has given birth but to one pure, one peerless, priceless patriot, one Washington, that glorious patriot who commanded when Hasdel fell, and who, even in the hour of victory, watered with his tears the corpse of the gallant soldier.

To do honor to these remains we are here surrounded with all "the pride, pomp and circumstance of war;" officers of the army and of the navy and volunteers, prompt to do homage to their departed fellow soldier, and intelligent authority to constitute his example. Soldiers, elevate on high your Eagles; give to the breeze your stars and stripes, and if your country calls, bear your blue spangled banner" to the battle field, where it was first raised and upheld by Hasdel, and if you cannot hear it victorious as he did, die nobly in its defence.

The deceased, Colonel John Hasdel, was a native of Ireland, a gentleman of talents, who had received a liberal education, and was by profession a physician. A number of his countrymen, the Hibernian Society, are among those now gathering around his remains—they were in the valley—which once were adorned by a daring and patriotic a spirit as ever gave life to the image of his Creator. That Society have appointed me to discharge the duty I am now performing—a duty which would indeed be but inadequately performed, if I did not take occasion to say that the members of this Society, their countrymen, and all Irishmen are proud, on proper occasions, to make known that their Montgomerys, their Hasdels, and their Irvines, the best blood of Ireland, has been freely shed to serve the good cause of "The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

The State of Delaware, the same and much respected state of Penn-ovania, adopted John Hasdel. Before the Declaration of Independence, he raised and mustered a regiment at Dover, at the head of which, a few days after the Declaration, as its commanding officer, he marched to Head Quarters and placed it under the orders of Washington. The people of Delaware had marked the ardent patriotism, the fearless courage, the devotion to the public weal which characterized every action of Hasdel, and they selected him to take command of as brave a Regiment as took the field and fought for Independence. He proved altogether worthy of their confidence; he led here and there honor and fame were to be achieved; he set them a glorious example, and at the battle of Princeton, poured forth his life's blood. The State of Delaware, having enrolled the name of Hasdel with her Read's and her Rodney's, will no longer permit his remains to be entombed in another State, even though that State be Pennsylvania. The constituted authorities of Delaware, on the 23d day of February last, made arrangements to take all that remains of her heroic son to her own bosom, to deposit his relics in her own soil, and to raise over them a monument to her own glory, to cherish the remembrance of his virtues and to stimulate others to great and glorious deeds.

To you, gentlemen, who, on this interesting occasion, represent the State of Delaware, are about to be surrendered the precious relics of one of your many distinguished sons; your Legislature have wisely determined to take them home, and to bury them deep in the soil which he had cultivated, and in defence of which he nobly died.

To you, gentlemen, they are now committed; deposit and reverence them, and teach your children to reverence them as the remains of him who was patriotic, great and good; thus shall you, and they, be an honor to your country.

He was replied to by Mr. Huffington, a distinguished member of the bar of Delaware, and in a manner at once eloquent and touching. He gave in brief, a history of the Delaware regiment of the revolutionary war, and alluded particularly to the character and career of Col. Hasdel, as commander, whose head quarters were at Dover. He was described as the father of the regiment, for through his efforts and persuasion, a body of more than eight hundred noble-hearted Delawareans, rallied for the cause of American liberty. Their condition at the time was very deplorable, as related to clothing, provisions and all the munitions of war. This fact was so generally known, that it was believed throughout the state that it would be impossible for them to appoint a candidate to command. The designated day arrived, however—and the whole number assembled. But even then, strong doubts were expressed, and it was thought impossible for men so clad, to move forward in any thing like a military spirit. It was then that Colonel Hasdel made one of the most powerful appeals ever heard on any similar occasion. He told them that he had neither gold nor power to offer—but he promised them eternal fame, and the glorious consolation of assuring posterity, on inward consciousness that they were struggling in the last and noblest of causes. The effect was electrical. Every man responded, and the whole body marched forward, animated by the deepest devotion to country. History tells the rest of the sad but glorious narrative. They took part in from twenty to thirty battles and skirmishes. After the battle of Camden, in 1780, but fifty survived. These wandered home in straggling groups, many of them wounded and in the whole, seven hundred together, forming a melancholy work indeed, of the gallant little army that had gone out from their homes with stout hearts, and resolves worthy of the best days of chivalry. The tenancy of Colonel Hasdel at the battle of Princeton, was alluded to by Mr. Huffington, in glowing and impassioned terms. He fell while charging the enemy, and never did a more sympathetic tear course over the cheeks of the throne of Liberty, than when breaking over the last resting place of the hero and the martyr.

The remains were then placed in the hands of the Delaware Committee, and accompanied by a Committee from the Hibernian Society, were soon afterward, borne onward to the State of Delaware.

The escort returned, and thus the solemnities in Philadelphia, were brought to a close.

Appointment.

We learn, says the National Intelligencer, unofficially, that, during the session of the Senate on Saturday, Philip R. Fendall, Esq., previously nominated by the President, was confirmed in the appointment of Attorney of the United States for the District of Columbia.

The Celebrations in New York.

The celebration in the City of New York of the Anniversary of our Independence, was carried through on Monday with spirit and jovousness. The day was ushered in with the firing of cannon, guns and squibs, in all their variety; and, at an early hour, the people began to gather together from all quarters to the three great points of attraction, the Park, the Battery, and Broadway. Full rein was given to mirth, and the evidences of amusement were to be seen on all sides. A grand review of the volunteer companies, by Governor Seward, took place in the Battery. They presented a splendid and most military-like appearance, while the precision with which they executed the various manœuvres was indicative of a high state of discipline. Most of the companies were attended by full bands. At the close of the review, Governor Seward was escorted by the military to his lodgings, at the Astor House, after which, they paraded through a number of the streets. The company of Light Guards, one of the strongest and finest in the city, did not join in the review, having left the city on a visit to Albany. In the course of the day, a National Salute was fired from the United States ship North Carolina and the steam frigate Fulton, anchored off the Battery, both of which vessels were splendidly illuminated during the evening. During the day, the Park was crowded with people of all ages and condition, the younger portion of whom made the passages of the City Hall resound with the incessant noise of pistols, squibs, and detonators; and in the evening, a splendid display of fire-works, provided at the expense of the City Councils, took place in front of the City Hall, cut short, however, by a heavy shower of rain, which began to fall at about half past nine o'clock. Numberless steamboats were to be seen gliding to and fro, both on the North and East rivers, laden with passengers, bound to places of recreation. Early the day, the Mayor had sent a letter to the City Hall, in the course of which a very large number of strangers were presented to him, and welcomed cordially to the hospitalities of the city. The room in which the levee was held, was most appropriately adorned with the American flag and other devices.

During the night, three fires took place, one of them very bad, and between the hours of 11 and 12, the west wing of the City Hall was found to be on fire. The rapid tolling of the bell soon brought the firemen on the ground, and it was extinguished without much damage resulting therefrom.

The stores in the city, with the exception of those which ministered to pleasure or enjoyment, were closed and the day was truly observed as a holiday. Gladness was seen in every face; and light steps indicating light and gladsome hearts, hurried hither and thither in seemingly inextricable confusion, each bent upon enjoying the occasion to its fullest extent and anxious to see and be seen. The places of amusement were crowded in the evening, and night was far advanced before the sounds of mirth and festivity completely died away.

Spirit of the Foreign News.

Our friend of the Germantown Telegraph inclines to be facetious at the expense of city commentaries, and gives a variety of short paragraphs on *important* topics, to illustrate his wit. Acting, however, upon the hint, he thus *kicks* out the foreign news in the Britannia.

Spain is not yet quiet.

This will be news for the *Dems* on this side of the water, as they have for a long time entertained the imposition that the country of their father's had been swallowed by an earthquake, and was as "quiet as a dormouse."

But determined to give each a taste in due season, he gives *Monsieur* a touch in passing. He says

France is pretty tranquil for France.

Still proceeding with horrible intent, he gives a slash at the turban thus wise.

In the East, "Things do not yet wear a quiet aspect.

"See all that the farmers in Montgomery and Chester have got to do after digesting this foreign news, is, to put on a long face, stroke their chins, and look as wise as their neighbors, and if they happen upon foreign affairs in conversation, to put on a very fierce look, assert broadly and generally, that

"*Things are not quiet in Europe,*

and permit no man to doubt the allegation.

Harrisburg Celebration.

The sixty-sixth anniversary of the settlement of Kentucky was celebrated at Harrisburgh on the 16th and 17th inst. On the 16th, between 7 and 10,000 persons, among them about 1500 ladies, were present. On the 17th an oration was delivered by the Hon. Benjamin Hardin. Eight or ten military companies, artillery, infantry and cavalry, comprising about 400 men, united in the celebration. The venerable Mrs. Harrod was present, she is now well stricken in years, and in a great degree bed-ridden, yet her eye has the same eagle glance that it had when she looked on, undismayed, at the deadly conflicts between the Indians and the whites. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Wilson were also there, two of the relics of those times of blood and danger. These venerable matrons are now all (with the exception of Mrs. French,) who survive of the little company of females who first penetrated the forests of the dark and bloody ground. Of the old pioneers of that period, we can but few, and none of them were known to us by name, except Mr. John Ward, of Ohio county, who is the only survivor of the gallant band by whom McAfee's station was defended.

Brutal Murder.

The National Anniversary at Baltimore was disgraced by the perpetration of a cold and brutal murder, by a party of desperate ruffians, whose names have been before connected with acts of outrage and violence. It appears that the party who committed this act were passing along Howard street, and they encouraged a dog which they had with them to attack another dog chained under a wagon. The wagoner, observing this, went out to separate the dogs, when he was immediately attacked by the party. Two or three other wagoners in the beer room and the barkeeper himself ran out to interfere, when the assailants turned upon them with great violence. In the course of the fracas a pistol was fired, the shot from which deprived one of the wagoners of his thumb. The barkeeper, John Brigham, was struck with a single tree, which felled him mortally wounded to the earth. He died in a few hours after. A man named John Alexander, alias Lil Griffithe, has been arrested, together with Alexander Curran and Jacob Leitner, charged with a participation in this bloody affray.

Baltimore Riots.

The fine company of Blues, which went on a visit to this city from Baltimore, attracted much attention by the precision of their movements, and their soldierly appearance. On Sunday, they attended church. On Monday morning, they paid their respects to their old commander, Reuben Etting, Esq., and partook of his hospitality, at his residence, in Locust above Broad street, and subsequently shared to the pleasures of the day. We saw them on Tuesday again, escorted, as they have generally been, by Major Finn's company of Grays.

Major General.

Brigadier General Winfield Scott, Major General by Brevet, has been appointed by the President, by and with the advice of the Senate, to be Major General June 25th, vice Major Gen. Alexander Macomb, deceased.

Foreign News.

Arrival of the Britannia.

Fifteen Days Later.

[Important Political News—Slave Abolitionist Defeat—Sir Robert Peel's "No Confidence" Motion Carried by a Majority of Some 25—Committee Thereon—Lord Palmerston Informed Resignation of Ministry—Sir Robert Peel Sent for—Supposed Difficulties in Collecting Revenue—Prospect of Peel—Spain Threatened with Revolution—Spread of Republicanism—Success of the French in Africa, &c. &c.

The royal mail steamship Britannia, Capt. R. B. Cleland, arrived at Boston on Saturday morning last, at about half past 7 o'clock. She sailed from Liverpool on the afternoon of the 10th, and made the passage in about thirteen and a half days. She experienced some rough weather, but what is very comfortable for this season, saw no icebergs.

The Britannia and Caledonia both made very quick passages out from Halifax. The Britannia arrived out June 9th, and the Caledonia on the 14th of June.

The Great Western was spoken by the Britannia on the 27th June, nine days out.

We have received advices from the principal parts of Europe, fifteen days later than those brought by the Caledonia.

Captain Drew, the leader of the gang of pirates who destroyed the Caroline at Niagara, came passenger in the Britannia to Halifax. She brought sixty-two passengers in all—forty-one to Boston.

The President is given up by every body in England. Parliament is dissolved ere this.

All England is in a state of tremendous political excitement.

The money market is consequently stagnant; the funds paralyzed. There is an improvement in the cotton market, but very little or none in trade in general. The price of wheat has improved. The crops are all in fine order.

Nothing new from China. The Eastern Question is not settled yet.

Sir Hugh Gough has been appointed Commander in Chief at Madras.

Sir Henry Prescott, late Governor of Newfoundland, has arrived at Cork.

MARRIAGE.—Lord John Russell is to be married to Lady Fanny Elliott, at the close of this month.

MCLEOD.—The excitement about this man has all died away.

THE PRESIDENT STEAMSHIP.—Nothing certain has been heard of this vessel. There are a few more rumors about her. The British Government has refused to send any vessel out in search of her.

A rumor respecting the President Steamer had the following origin:—BRISTOL, June 9.—This morning, immediately on the arrival of the Osprey steamer, belonging to the Steam Navigation Company, from Waterford, a notice was posted in the Commercial rooms as follows:—"The Osprey, from Waterford, reports that she yesterday saw a large steamer in distress, off the Saltees, without funnel or mainmast."

The Honorable S. Cunard had an interview with Lord Minto and the Lords of the Admiralty this morning, concerning the report of the Osprey, at Bristol, having seen a large steamship in supposed distress near the Saltees, who expressed themselves most anxious to send a steamship in search immediately.

THE PRESIDENT STEAMSHIP.—In the House of Lords June 10th, Lord Stanford wished to know if the government had sent out any ships to look for, and assist, if they found, the missing steamship. The Portuguese government had, it appeared, sent out ships from their ports with this view.

Earl Minto, in answer, said the Admiralty had looked at the whole question respecting the President, and the conclusion, we all the inquiries we had made, was that they could take no step at all likely to lead them to any accurate plan of affording her relief. There was a report of a steamer having been near the Channel within the last few days, but he confessed he had fears that it would turn out like the former reports, wholly unfounded. He feared that this report, like many other former ones, had its origin in the obscure and comparatively feasible attempts made to turn to account the state of this unfortunate vessel on the money market. They had not sent out any ships, for these was, in fact, no particular place to which they could send them.

Defeat of Ministers.

At half past three o'clock, on the morning of June 5th, the House of Commons declared, by a majority of One, that the present Ministers of the Crown do not possess the confidence of Parliament, and that their continuance in office is at variance with the spirit of the constitution.

For Sir R. Peel's motion,	312
Against,	311

When the cheers which followed the announcement had subsided, Lord John Russell said that he would take until Monday to consider what course he would pursue, in consequence of this vote.

On Monday he intimated his intention to advise a dissolution, whereupon Sir Robert Peel agreed not to oppose the supplies.

THE NEW PARLIAMENT.—Write for a general election will be forthwith issued to the several sheriffs of counties, who must within two days cause proclamation to be made of county elections, and within six days take place, not sooner than the tenth, or later than the sixteenth day from the date of the proclamation. The sheriff must also, within three days from the receipt of the writ, cause proclamation to be made of boroughs in the cities and boroughs, who shall forthwith cause proclamation to be made of the elections, and shall proceed to election thereon, not sooner than four days nor later than eight days from the date of the proclamation. The new parliament will meet forthwith after the elections.

ANOTHER DEFEAT OF MINISTERS.—Ministers were defeated on the 10th of June by a majority of 18 on the Criminal Law Amendment.

A correspondent of the Herald, says it is said, so much money has recently been withdrawn from the funds, to use for purposes of lending on mortgages, that the stocks have not only become flat, but have actually declined. I heard a gentleman from Norwich, say, that neither parts could carry that boccaugh, unless they spent one out beside it will not do. We will you it will not do. You will not possess the nation with antipathy to cheap bread; you will not persuade the country to prefer taxation to relief; you will not persuade the English people that it would not be their interest to retain in their pockets, for the various uses of life, those millions of hard-got money which are annually extorted from them by the most impolitic and expensive, as well as most absurd and stupid law that ever scourged mankind.

ASTLEY'S THEATRE BURNT DOWN.—This beautiful theatre was burnt down June 8th, for the third time. The fire was first discovered by a police constable, in the stables at the back of the theatre. He gave the alarm, and found three watchmen and a policeman, who were stationed in the theatre, asleep. The flames then burst into the body of the building. The water-plug in the theatre was found to be covered by an immense quantity of properties, and, before the engines could be brought into play, the men were obliged to flee. The neighborhood was alarmed, and the fire engines commanded, but the fire could not be checked and by six o'clock the theatre, which was constructed principally of wood, was destroyed, all but the bare walls. A woman, Mr. Ducrow's housekeeper lost her life, in returning to save some of her property. The greater part of the stud was saved, but the valuable horses and a donkey were killed. Ten houses at the back of the theatre, inhabited by poor persons, were levelled with the ground; and the houses on the other side of the pond. Head-dress, feathers, tippets, tiaras, necklace, and ear-rings of pearl.

PRINCE ALBERT.—We understand that it is fully assured that the Royal Highness Prince Albert will cast his connexions in Germany this summer, notwithstanding the contradictions of the government prints appearing on authority to the contrary. It is said his Royal Highness' visit will not exceed a month or six weeks.—*Morning Herald.*

MARRIAGE.—Prince de Joinville is to marry the Princess Sophie, daughter of the King of Holland.

BIRTH.—Prince George of Cumberland has become stone blind.

The Queens of Hanover and Spain have both been very sick.

THE EX-QUEEN OF SPAIN.—This lady is writing a book to be called "A Reign of Eleven Years."

CHANGE.—Earl Granville, the British Minister, is about to leave Paris.

DEAF.—Lord Jeffrey has been ill.

IRISH PEER.—Lord Bingley has been elected a representative Peer of Ireland, in the room of Earl O'Neil, deceased.

DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.—At one time Ministers intended to dissolve Parliament on the 18th of June, but it appears that they will fix the 25th of June.

PARLIAMENTARY.—Contrary to expectation, the debate on Peel's "Not Confidence" motion was brought to a close early on Saturday the 5th of June. Sir Robert Peel was the last speaker. The house then divided—For Sir Robert Peel's resolution, 312; against it, 311. Majority against Ministers 1.

The announcement of this division was received with tremendous cheers.

Lord J. Russell, in rising to move that the house at its rising do adjourn to Monday next, said—With respect to the business of the house, all I can state now is, that we propose to take on Monday the estimates—but as only as much of the miscellaneous estimates, as we may not taken at the present time, would cause great inconvenience to the public service, (Oh, oh.)

Several Hon. Members—Curtailment! curtailment!

Lord J. Russell said he would state on Monday what course he would take.

(Immense cheering from the opposition benches.)

Lord J. Russell said, "I shall be quite satisfied in stating on Monday what course I shall pursue; but the right hon. gentleman having, in his reply, brought forward a number of new charges, which had not been heard of before, I must have time to deliberate as to what course it may be necessary to take in order to vindicate the conduct of the government."

Sir R. Peel.—I think that the greater part of the speech of the noble lord was an attack upon myself. (Hear, hear.) I certainly should be sorry if it were possible to impute to me the taking any undue advantage in bringing forward charges. I assure the noble lord, if I did so, it was contrary to my intention; for, knowing that the noble lord could not reply to me, I said not one word on the subject of foreign policy, I said not one word except in connexion with charges made against myself. I do not determine any course which the noble lord may think it necessary to pursue, but I should be sorry, I should be very sorry, if he thought I took the advantage of a reply to make an attack. I suppose I may take it for granted that the noble lord will not proceed with the corn-laws on Monday. (Hear, and laughter.)

Lord J. Russell having stated that he should not,

Mr. Hindley said, I do not care twopence for the charges which have been made, but I am anxious for a discussion on the corn-laws. I hope that on Monday the noble lord will say he is determined to bring on that important question.

Mr. Hume—I cannot understand why the noble lord is not prepared to say when he will discuss the corn-laws. Ample time has been given. Tuesday being the first open day, the noble lord ought to fix it for that day.

On the following Monday Lord John Russell moved the order of the day for the committee of supply and announced the intention of himself and ministers to abandon the Corn Law question for that session. Minutes meant to take the estimates only for six months from the 1st of April. Lord John Russell said that the issue of all the great political questions must now be decided by the country, and that the new parliament should be summo

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The Money Market.

Money is easy in Philadelphia, as the demand is limited, and good business paper scarce. Those, says Bicknell's Reporter, who look beyond the surface, fancy that they can discover cheering indications as relates to the fall trade, and especially should a National Bank go into operation. Much doubt, however, continues to exist as to the complete success of this measure during the extra Session. We have all sorts of rumors from Washington. It is confidently asserted in some quarters, that Mr. Clay's Bill establishing branches without the consent of the States, will be rejected either by the Senate or the House—or, if not rejected, will be vetoed by the President.—On the other hand, it is affirmed that, should a Bank Bill pass without the power to establish branches in the States, the Stock would never be taken. Capitalists, it is argued, will not invest their money in the hope of obtaining seven per cent. per annum, should the prospect be overclouded by contentions in the States, as to branches, to say nothing of an effort on the part of those opposed to Banks, to accomplish a repeal of the Charter. We say a repeal, because such a measure has already been threatened on the floor of Congress. With this view of the case, the prospect of a successful National Bank cannot be regarded as very favorable. Much prejudice exists against such an Institution, as well on political grounds, as because of the miserable policy which plunged the United States Bank of Pennsylvania into such disgrace and ruin, and involved the injury of so many widows, orphans, and other individuals. Mr. Clay and his friends are anxious to establish branches in the States without asking the consent of said States, and Messrs. Preston, Rives and other Senators, argue the propriety and policy of first obtaining the consent of the States. It is probable that this difficulty will be reconciled or compromised. If so, a Bank Bill will no doubt become a law.

On Saturday last, the writ which was issued some weeks ago, at the suit of the Bank of the United States, against Nicholas Biddle, was delivered to the Sheriff and served. It was the last day at which it could be served to be made returnable to the present term of the Court. It has been intimated that the delay observed in withholding the writ was to afford the defendant every opportunity to furnish an account of the immense sums of money abstracted from the vaults of the Bank, and thus obviate the necessity to bring the matter before the Court. Mr. Earle is the attorney in the case, and it is said will prosecute the suit to judgment as rapidly as the rules of law will allow, if he is not interfered with by the directors, a part of whom, it is said, have not wholly forsaken the late President of the Bank. With these individuals to retard the suit, probably but little will be effectually done in the matter until after January next, when the stockholders will have an opportunity to elect a new board of directors.

BANK OF GERMANTOWN.—This institution has already issued her notes, under the late act of Assembly, of the denomination of 1, 2, and 5 dollars. They are very appropriately designed and handsomely engraved, and when once generally in circulation will no doubt prove a very great convenience to the public.

We learn that the Banks accepting the Revenue Bill pay a large proportion of the loan they are bound to subscribe under the Revenue Act, in their notes on demand; and reserve the state Certificates for their own use. Also, that the non-accepting Banks have been, or will be called upon to loan the State, under the Act of 1824, several hundred thousand dollars, and it is believed that the money will be demanded in coin.

No change in the condition of the Philadelphia Banks, or in the character of our circulation. Small notes are numerous and abundant, and pass with great readiness. The non-accepting Banks in most cases, receive and pay them out in small quantities, but do not desire to be considered as having determined upon this policy as a permanent measure. They will be governed by circumstances.

Counterfeit five dollar notes of the Tradesmen's Bank of the city of New York, are in circulation, and, though poorly executed, require some vigilance to detect them. They are on inferior paper, and are dated Sept. 1, 1840. W. H. Falls, Cashier; Preserved Fish, President. On the right hand margin is a full length likeness of Lafayette, and on the left a vignette representing Commerce. Look out for them!

COUNTERFEIT COIN.—It is a fact not generally known in our city, says the New York Sun, that of the five and ten cent pieces, of the new coinage, that are in circulation, almost one-eighth are counterfeits. They are made of a good quality of German silver, which costs very little in comparison with the genuine article, and can easily be detected by observing that the thirteen stars that should be on all American coins, are omitted. When new they are precisely the color of the genuine pieces, but have more the appearance of being bad after being worn a short time.

The Mechanicing Bank has been said for not redeeming its notes according to the provisions of the new Relief Bill. The amount of the demand was $7,000, and the counsel of the Bank expressed an anxiety to meet the question of the constitutionality of the law, with as little delay as possible. The matter will be decided in the course of a few days.

The Frederick county (Md.) Bank has given notice that having recovered the whole of *its own issues*, stolen from its vaults on the 22d of May last, with the exception of $1,347, with all the States Banks, certificates and private checks taken in the same time, *it has this day resumed banking operations*. Its own notes will hereafter be received for all debts due the bank, and will be paid out at the counter as usual."

Sales of Stocks.

By the Philadelphia Board of Brokers, for the week ending Thursday.

		Price sold for
$1010	shares United States Bank	10¼@18
128	do. Phil Wil & Balt R R	33¼@36
100	do. Vicksburg Bank	50
29	do. Girard Bank	87@87½
40	do. Commercial Bank Camden	87
24	do. Reading R R	25
45	do. Mechanics Bank	26
50	do. Schuylkill Navigation Co	5½@5¾
13	do. Commercial Bank	43
5	do. Penn Township Bank	42½

Imperfect.

The British Steam Navigation Company will soon have all the trading, by means of steam vessels, in their own hands. New York and Boston they have already, and we see by the New Orleans papers, that a line is to be established in that city. The Advertiser says, the Chamber of Commerce met to receive the proposition of the new Royal Steam Navigation Company for touching with their boats at New Orleans, and it was determined to ask Congress to place them on the most favored footing, &c.

This steam ship company have boats of fifteen hundred tons burthen in their line, at a cost of four millions of dollars. They receive twelve hundred thousand dollars a year from the British government, for carrying the mail. The line will commence on the first of October, and by it, we shall be in the direct receipt of news from England, every twenty-two days.

The routes are thus laid down.

No. 1. London to Havana by way of Corunna, Pernambuco, Barbadoes and Nassau. Returning, Havana to London by way of Barbadoes.

No. 2. On the arrival of the London boat at Havana, a steamer will leave for Honduras, Vera Cruz, Tampico, New Orleans, Havana. Another will leave same time for New Orleans direct, thence to Tampico, Vera Cruz, Honduras, Havana.

No. 3. Halifax to Havana, by way of New York and back.

No. 4. Barbadoes, leeward islands, Tampico and back.

Congressional News.

WASHINGTON, JULY 1, 1841.

SENATE.—A long discussion ensued between Mr. Rives, Mr. Clay, Preston, &c. Mr. Rives came out in a long speech, and "defined his position." He did not like the bill as amended by Mr. Clay, but would rather have the sudden plan as it came fresh from the hands of Mr. Secretary Ewing.

Mr. Benton offered a resolution calling for the reasons for the removal of certain Western officers. He was induced to offer the resolution in consequence of the declaration made by the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Mangum), that every one might know the reason for the removals when it was desired.

Mr. Mangum said he was not in a position to answer for any one, but he had every confidence that the Administration would carry out the principles of Mr. Crittenden's bill.

A report was received from the Treasury Department, correcting an error in the statement of receipts, formerly transmitted by the Department, which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution offered by Mr. Buchanan, calling for a list of removals from office—the question being on the motion of Mr. Mangum to amend by adding the list of removals from 1829 to 1841.

The morning hour having expired, the Senator was interrupted in his remarks.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the Bill to incorporate the subscribers to the Fiscal Bank of the United States.

Mr. Rives submitted a motion to amend the bill by striking out the 16th fundamental article, and inserting a new article providing that offices of discount and deposit may be established in the several States, with the assent of the Legislature, or, in default of such assent, that the Bank may employ such agent or Bank as may be sanctioned by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The principal point of difference from the bill as reported was in requiring the assent of the States to the introduction of all offices of discount and deposit. The State Banks he regarded as the legitimate repository system in the absence of a Bank. But he found that this his favorite superstition for a Bank was opposed on both sides of the Senate.

HOUSE.—The Speaker presented a message from the President of the United States, accompanying a memorial praying for an enactment of a general Bankrupt Law, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

He also presented additional papers in relation to the contested election in Virginia between Messrs. Banks and Smith; referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. McKeon asked when the Committee on the Judiciary would be able to make a report on the subject of a General Bankrupt Law.

Mr. Barnard, from the Committee, stated that they had the subject under consideration, and thought that they would be able to make a report so as to permit action on it by the House at the present session.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy presented a petition from citizens of Baltimore, praying for the enactment of a General Bankrupt Law. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

And the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, by a vote of yeas 108, nays 65.

The Committee then went into the consideration of the Bill distributing the proceeds of the Sales of the Public lands—Mr. Lawrence in the chair.

Mr. C. Brown commenced his remarks against the Bill.

During the sitting of the committee, a message was received from the President enclosing a correspondence between himself and Mrs. Harrison, which was ordered to be printed.

Also, one informing the House that he had signed the enrolled bill, entitled a bill for the relief of Mrs. Harrison.

WASHINGTON, July 2, 1841.

In the House of Representatives this morning, the consideration of the bill providing for a distribution of the proceeds from the sales of the public lands, was resumed in committee of the whole and continued till the adjournment.

Very important movements are taking place in the Senate in relation to the Fiscal Bank. Mr. Rives closed his speech by offering an amendment providing that no branch of the Bank shall be established in any State without the permission of such State.

Mr. Clay is violently opposed to the amendment, and contends that by adopting it, all the Whigs have been contending for during the last ten years, would be given up.

The amendment was advocated by Messrs. Preston, Choate, and others.

Mr. Archer made a long speech, in the course of which he intimated that the President would not sign the bill without the amendment.

It is said that Mr. Clay would be glad if the President should veto the bill, as then both will stand upon the question, Bank or no Bank, at the next session.

WASHINGTON, July 2, 1841.

In the Senate the Fiscal Agent scheme was up for consideration during the session, and Mr. Rive's amendment warmly discussed. Messrs. Clay and Choate indulged in some spirited personalities on the latter's speech yesterday, but became reconciled before the adjournment.

In the House the discussion of yesterday was continued without a termination. An attempt was made to adjourn over to Tuesday, but the House resolved that it would not keep Monday's holiday, and will meet this morning.

WASHINGTON, July 5th, 1841.

THE SENATE did not sit.

THE HOUSE met at 10, A. M., and went into committee, and resumed the consideration of the bill appropriating the proceeds of the public lands and granting pre-emption rights. The question was on the motion of Mr. Clifford to strike out the enacting clause.

Mr. Winthrop being entitled to the floor, hesitated as to whether he ought to proceed. Mr. W. opposed the bill on twelve points, viz

1st. It is unequal, first, as between the new States themselves, and then as between the new States and the old.

2d. As a distribution of revenue from lands, it is unconstitutional, and a violation of the deed of cession.

3d. But it is a distribution of customs, and must necessarily be so, whilst there is a deficiency in the National Treasury, and whilst the present minimum price is perpetuated by the bill.

4th. It is fundamentally and necessarily a violation of the compromise act of 1832.

5th. It is a part and parcel of the protective system of duties.

6th. It extends the power of the General Government through the States to internal improvement, or to any other purpose.

7th. It alienates the Federal Government and States in being. Whilst

8th. It centralizes all power in the General Government, and enables it to make a corruption patronage.

9th. It unconstitutionally pays the debts of the individual States, instead of paying the debts and providing for the general defence of the Union.

10th. It pays U. S. debts of States in order to conceal from the eyes of the people the increase of taxation, substituting the means of Government for those of the States.

11. By substituting the increase of debts in all the States, to relieve the debtor States from State taxation, it necessarily makes the people of the non-debtor States partly pay the debts of the people of the debtor States for weeks—and the latter, for their sole benefit, and to compete with the works of the former.

12th. It makes at once a political corruption fund for politicians to trade upon, and under the modest and virtuous pretense of presenting "*political bribing*" it puts in the whole nation, in all its parts and its whole, in this first *political bid*.

After Mr. Wise had concluded, the floor was assigned to Mr. Rayner, when the committee immediately rose, and at a few minutes past one the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, July 6, 1841.

HOUSE.—Mr. Rayner being entitled to the floor, advocated the passage of the Distribution bill under consideration. He thought the question of the Public Lands ought to be settled at this Extra Session, as, unless it was settled, he believed that they would soon cease to be a source of revenue to any one.

Mr. Rhett followed in opposition to the bill, and Mr. R. had not concluded when the hour of seven arrived, being that prescribed by the resolution given above for proceeding to vote.

After some conversation, some of it of rather an excited character, the Committee proceeded to vote, the question being put on the motion of Mr. Clifford to strike out the enacting clause of the bill—and the vote being taken, it stood ayes 104, nays 121.

So the motion to strike out the enacting clause of the bill was lost.

The Chairman declared the bill to be now open for amendment under the resolution adopted above, (but not for debate.)

A number of amendments were offered, but in such rapid succession, and amidst so much noise, that the effort to keep the run of them was useless.

At a quarter to ten o'clock, the committee rose, and reported the bill to the House.

The amendments were concurred in.

A motion by Mr. Weller to lay the bill on the table, by yeas 108, nays 119, was rejected.

At 11 o'clock, (under the operation of the previous question,) the bill, by yeas 118, nays 108, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote was made and rejected. The House then adjourned.

SENATE.—Mr. South of Indiana, presented a memorial in favor of a Bankrupt Law.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of the Board of Trade of Philadelphia, concerning the location of the Bank.

Mr. Mangum, from the committee on Naval Affairs, moved that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the correspondence from the Mediterranean Squadron.

Mr. M. stated that it was the opinion of the committee that there was no departure from propriety in the course of the American Minister at St. James's, in putting our squadron on the alert, especially as he had not put his opinions in the shape of an order. If any thing ought to be done in reference to this matter, it was within the province of this Department.

Mr. King expressed a hope that this matter would be referred, for the purpose of making a written report, which would not merely vindicate the action of our diplomatic agent, but make his conduct the subject of commendation.

Mr. Preston acquiesced in the propriety of the report, but he did not go the length of justifying a course which might lead to an irregular mode of acting in the body. He thought that our diplomatic agent had perhaps himself shared too much in the panic, which had spread on the subject of hostilities. He knew nothing more than Commodore Hull knew from the papers—nothing more than we knew here—and we knew nothing to justify the expectation of war. Mr. P. said he was satisfied with every part of this affair, except the return of the Brandywine.

Mr. Mangum said the return of the Brandywine had been referred to the Department by the Committee. And the Department would act, perhaps had already acted, by removing the Captain of the Brandywine from his command. He regretted that he did not take precisely the view taken by the others in the committee. He thought that Commodore Hull had done his duty in the course which he had taken. Mr. Stevenson's course also he approved. The committee saw no reason for taking any action on the subject.

The committee were then discharged.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to incorporate the subscribers to the Fiscal Bank of the U. States.

The question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Bayard to the amendment of Mr. Rives.

Mr. Berrien made some remarks.

Mr. Bates said he had no more doubt that Congress had power to establish branches in the States than he had of their power to establish light houses on any of the Capes.

Mr. White, of Indiana, asked the yeas and nays on the amendment of the Senator from Delaware, and the amendment of Mr. Bayard was decided in the negative, ayes 9, nays 37.

Mr. White of Indiana, regarded the amendment as professing to borrow power from one Corporation to bestow power on another. He considered the States as the mere organs of the people, and that the people as the true source of power were the only tribunal to decide where decision was required. He considered it more dangerous to adopt the amendment than it was a week ago, and he warned all Whigs against voting for it.

Mr. Walker then made a speech, in which he declared that he would never vote to impose a branch of the Bank on Mississippi. He was determined to keep himself free from this war of nullification, and he foresaw that if the bill should pass, there would be a new scene of nullification within less than 12 months, and in that case, what would become of the Anti-Bank party? He would himself consider the success of nullification as worse than the worst bank that could be created.

The question was then taken on Mr. Rives' amendment and decided in the negative, ayes 16, nays 38.

The Senate adjourned.

General News.

HOW TO KEEP A PRISONER.—The Boston Post relates the following mode of practice of the late Sampson Wood, once Sheriff of Middlesex county, Mass.:—

He often had to convey desperate prisoners from one part of the county to another, and when such course, he used to iron himself hand and foot to his prisoner, and go to bed, and address him thus:—"You can now go to sleep, if you like, or let it alone. For my part, I shall go to sleep. You can't get away without waking me up, and carrying me with you. You have got one arm and one leg free, and so have I. Yet you may make out to kill me, but if you do, you'll have to carry my carcase with you, and that will be proof enough to get you hanged for murder; so you see, I shall stick to you like death to a dead nigger, any way you can fix it. Good night." It is hardly necessary to say that with this queer measure of precaution, no prisoner attempted to escape from Sampson.

THE CROPS OF GEORGIA.—The Milledgeville Journal of the 29th ult. says:—"Appearances, a few weeks ago, were of the gloomiest character in relation to the crops. But, within a week or two, a great change has taken place. The rains that have fallen latterly in every direction, throughout the whole country, have materially improved the appearance of the corn crop, which promises now to yield an abundant harvest. Cotton, too, begins to look much better. We are informed that in Southwestern Georgia, the crop of cotton, from present appearances, will be a very good one. In middle Georgia, the farmers have not, generally, a good *stand*, but what they have begins to look very promising. Let but the season continue to be good, and that kind of rain, which has fallen in the last four days, and which has occupied the court and jury for the last five days, was brought to a final decision yesterday. The jury, after being out 48 hours, returned a verdict for the plaintiffs for $103,733.04, not the least interesting feature of which is, that the defendants are abundantly able to respond."

A THRILLING INCIDENT.—The Richmond Star states that a man employed upon the roof of the Capitol, slipped, and for some time was dangling 80 feet from the ground, with no security but a grasp upon the gutter of the building! Ropes were soon procured, which he grasped and attempted to descend, but his strength failed, and he slipped, the rope cutting his hands to the very bone! He came, otherwise, safely to the ground. His position, for a time, was fearful indeed.

FIRES IN NEW YORK.—There were six fires in New York on Monday, though with one or two exceptions, the damage was but trifling. The house of Alderman Pardy was slightly injured; the church in Prince, near Marion street, was a little damaged; the City Hall caught fire in the rear wing of the east end, under the roof. It is reported to have been set on fire, and two persons were arrested on suspicion by Justice Matsell.

THE NEW ORLEANS MINT.—The silver coinage at this establishment, from the 1st of November to the 13 of April, was 860,000 dimes, and 790,000 half dimes, amounting to $229,250. The coinage in the month of May was 315,000 dimes, and 180,000 half dimes, equal to $31,000. Since the 1st of May last, there have been coined 1,745,000 dimes and half dimes, of the value of $46,000.

THE AMERICANS.—According to Dr. Malden, the Armenians in Egypt number about 3000. They follow commercial pursuits, and have no established quarters in Cairo or Alexandria. They live on good terms with the Turks, and their stalls in the bazaars are generally filled with richer articles, embroidery, with furs, jewelry, rich dresses, amber mouth-pieces, &c.

AWFUL EFFECTS OF INTEMPERANCE.—A most horrible accident occurred last week in the county of Two Mountains, Lower Canada; a man while in a state of intoxication having fallen into a kettle of boiling potash, and been completely scalded. Death was made his body, but not the least particle of it could be found.

A FAMILY OF ROBBERS.—A man named John Figary, his wife and her father, have been arrested for robbing the store of E. Clark, Son & Co. at Oxford, Chenango county, of eleven hundred dollars. All the money but about fifty dollars was recovered from them.

RECAPTURE.—All the prisoners except one, who escaped from the penitentiary at Jefferson city, Mo. have been retaken. They were much armed with a hatchet, which we know here—and we know nothing to justify the expectation of war. Mr. P. said he was satisfied with every part of this affair, except the return of the Brandywine.

Mr. Mangum said the return of the Brandywine had been referred to the Department by the Committee. And the Department would act, perhaps had already acted, by removing the Captain of the Brandywine from his command. He regretted that he did not take precisely the view taken by the others in the committee. He thought that Commodore Hull had done his duty in the course which he had taken. Mr. Stevenson's course also he approved. The committee saw no reason for taking any action on the subject.

SILENT CAUTION TO PARENTS.—Three children of Mr. Lester Lewis, of Waterford, (Great Neck) were left at a neighbor's house on Sunday while the family attended meeting. The oldest child, a girl eight years old, was used to boiled the milk warm, and as she did not return as expected some person was sent in search of her, who found the ill-fated little girl suspended by the neck from a window quite dead; her death having evidently been occasioned by the dropping of the window upon her neck. It appeared that finding the door fastened she succeeded in getting into the house through a window which was open, but not fastened up. Having procured a basket to gather leaves she attempted to get out, and had nearly succeeded, when the window dropped and produced the sudden and mournful result described.

THE SLAVE TRADE.—The following is a list of Slavers captured by English vessels of war since the 31 of July, 1840, and taken into Sierra Leone for adjustment.

"In July, 1840, the Andalusia, Doringa and Dictator, all captured by H. M. brig Brisk; also, the Maria Petta, captured by the Water Witch. None of those vessels had any slaves. December 15, 1840, the Julia, captured by the Water Witch, with 220 slaves. February 5, 1841, the Louisa, captured by the Brisk, with 343 slaves. In March, 1841, the Bellisarius, with 280 slaves; the Minerva, with 325 slaves, and the Vito de Decembrinth, with no slaves, all captured by the Brisk; also, the Douse d'Abriel, captured by the brig Persis, with no slaves. In April, 1841, the Elio, with 260 slaves, captured by the Water Witch. Total, 11 slavers, and 1548 slaves.

MOUNT VERNON.—The Madisonian says, that this hallowed spot continues to attract multitudes of people. American citizens and foreign travellers, who visit it to pay their homage to the memory of Washington. The number of visitors each day is from forty to fifty, and those who are favored with suitable letters, are received with the same courtesy and kindness, for which the amiable and highly intelligent Mrs. J. E. Washington, a portion of the grounds are now bearing crops; the gardens continue to be cultivated and protected by the very gracious Bill Smith; a resident there of 40 years standing, and the buildings and lawns are still preserved as nearly as practicable in the state in which they were left by their immortal proprietor.

A CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—The New York Courier states that during the thunder-gust at Worcester on Tuesday, the Baptist church was struck by lightning, while the vestry of the church was filled with children, making arrangements for the approaching celebration of the 4th. About twenty of the children were struck down, most of their shoes were burned, some seriously, but as by a miracle, no one was killed. One little girl had a comb melted by the fluid, yet she escaped with trifling injury. The lightning struck in two other places, but no damage was done. A person who was present represents it as the most terrific scene he ever witnessed.

WHY STAND IT.—A meeting was recently held in Carroll county, Md. to take into consideration the propriety of repealing the law of the last Legislature authorizing direct taxation. The resolutions adopted, it is said, declare the law to be unconstitutional, and go on to denounce every man who shall in living, collects or paying the tax; all prescribe means to be used to resist the law, and a fund is to be raised for the purpose of contesting it in the courts of the State.

MAMMOTH CAVE.—The proprietor of the Mammoth Cave, in Livingston county, Ky., has opened a house of entertainment in the cave, about a mile-and-a-half from its mouth.

City News.

IMPORTANT ARREST ON A CHARGE OF ARSON.—On Thursday week, officers Strine and A. Tully, of Southwark, arrested in the vicinity of Shippen and 5th streets, two individuals of notorious bad character by the names of Josiah Bright and John Richmond, on the charge of having set on fire the store of Messrs. Stafford & Alter on the morning of the 24th ult. They were on Friday week taken before the Mayor, and there charged upon the oaths of Hugh Bird and John Norton, as being two of the persons who came out of the premises at the time it was on fire. Mr. Boyd, it appears, is employed in an adjoining store, and resides in the immediate vicinity. Mr. Norton was there at the time, and knew the men, and on the night they were arrested encountered them in Dandy Hall, in Plumb street near 4th, when Mr. Boyd, who was also on the look out for them recognised them. After a hearing they were committed to take their trial at the General Sessions on a charge of arson and murder.

BOTHER THE RECORDER AND MAYOR.—Monday—William Simpson and Peter Groves, young men, were committed for attempting to commit a robbery on the night previous, by breaking off the lock of a blacksmith shop in Filbert street, between 8th and 9th.

Peter Berry, alias Jones, alias Vanpelt, was committed to answer a charge of having robbed the store of the Tradesmans' Bank, New York, upon the keeper of the refectory at the corner of Third and Chestnut streets. The keeper of the hotel in question lives in Second, Third, sign of the King of Prussia, stated that Vanpelt—which is his right name—with another young man, took boarding at his house a week ago, in the name of Jones, and had left without paying his bill.

SOUTHERN FIRE.—About one o'clock on Tuesday morning, the Southern Hotel, situated on the Island. This time the fire raged with much fury in a two storied brick tenement No. 21 Dock street. The upper story was occupied by Mr. Joseph Babnew, as a cabinet maker's shop; the lower story was tenanted by John B. Pickering, manufacturer of iron cheese and scale beams. Mr. P. loses all by fire and water, and no insurance. The building was much injured. The fire commenced in the cabinet maker's shop, which contained a large quantity of finished work and materials, and which were all destroyed. This fire is believed to have resulted from incendiarism.

ROBBERY.—A boarding house in Harmony court was robbed on Thursday night week and again on Saturday night, of a quantity of spoons belonging to one of the boarders, the money having been taken from his pocket. The whole amount of the plate being about eighty dollars. A young man was arrested on Monday morning, charged with the robbery, and committed by Alderman Christian. On Monday, also, a notorious character was arrested on a charge of participation in the same robbery, and was committed by the Mayor for a further hearing.

THE PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE.—This old and well established paper has passed to the hands of Messrs. Russel, M'Carty & Co., by whom it will hereafter be published. The name that appears are sufficient evidence that it will be conducted with an upright, enterprising spirit. The editorial department is to be filled by Mr. Hoover, who is already known in connection with the press, as a polished and vigorous writer. The marine department is to continue under the direction of Mr. Knorr, who has for the last twenty years so successfully performed its duties.

IRON PILLARS.—In some of the new stores going up about town, we notice the introduction of cast iron hollow pillars instead of granite or marble columns. They have the advantage of strength, security from fire, and cenvenying but little room. They certainly are the cheapest material, when durability and strength are considered. In a country so abundantly supplied with the raw material, and where it is reduced to any shape with such ease, its use in private and public edifices must soon become extensive in Pennsylvania.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—The schooner Runner, now lying at Kinsey's lower street wharf, and owned by Mr. John Rink, was anchored off Cohanzie, 25 struck by lightning during the storm on the evening of Monday last. The electric fluid shattered the mainmast, and ran down the mainmast through the main deck, rippin it open, and knocking the water casks about as if they cost nothing. The companion doors were burst open, and all the hands who had taken shelter in the cabin, were knocked down, but not much injured.

COLLISION ON THE DELAWARE.—As a steamboat having in tow, was passing down the river on Friday morning, she ran into the barque Columbus, from Lonsdaderry, also coming up. The confusion on board the barque, which was filled with passengers, was great, and materially prevented the crew from mooring her off as soon as they might have done. The barque sustained pretty much all the injury. Her jibboom was carried away, so also part of her head and cut water.

THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS, a new military company, paraded on Monday for the first time. They were organized for the purpose of offering their services to the Government in case of a war with England, some time since, when the President was authorized to accept such patriotic volunteers. They are a fine set of men, and look as if they could do an enemy considerable damage in case of war. The dress is blue, and the dress and uniform than a cloth cap. Myles Tully is their captain.

COUNTERFEITS.—A man calling himself James Thorpe was charged on Wednesday before the Recorder by E. D. Pancy, with attempting to pass at the dry goods store at the corner of Fifth and Arch streets, on Monday afternoon, a counterfeit note on the Tradesmen's Bank, New York. It appears that he tried it at several other places in the neighborhood. A man of his appearance passed one of the same kind of notes for a pair of shoes in the lower part of the city. He was committed.

ALTERED NOTES.—MR. Holmes, who keeps a fancy and stationery store in Chesnut street near Eighth, was cheated by an elderly man on Tuesday night, who passed upon her, for the payment of a small bill, a two dollar note of the Wilmington and Brandywine Bank, altered to a twenty. He had other notes with him of the same character, besides a quantity of Tide Water Canal money. Shopkeepers and others should be on the look-out.

THE NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK.—The corner stone of this new place of worship in Schuylkill Third street, between Locust and Spruce streets, was laid on Sunday afternoon last. The ceremonies, which were of a highly interesting character, were conducted by Bishop Kenrick, assisted by several clergymen. Dr. Moriarty delivered the sermon.

LARGE TURTLE.—A sea turtle, weighing five hundred pounds, arrived in this city on Thursday week by the cars from Baltimore, and was taken to Washington, Baltimore, the next morning. It was a present to President Tyler, from some friends in New York, and was served up for his 4th of July dinner.

Arrest.

The Nashville papers notice the arrest of Hiram Baker, a small dealer in groceries in that city, charged with being concerned in the robbery of the Union Bank of Tennessee, and other offences. One of the late officers in the Bank is now in prison. It appears that Baker was the agent in getting off the notes, and having passed some of them away, they were traced by the bank officers to Baker, who on being arrested, confessed his participation in the crime, and alleged that another grocer named H. H. Morgan and a T. D. Manville brought the money to him to get it off. The package stolen contained $16,500, and a portion of it has been recovered. The parties have all been committed.

Financial Record.

Dividends.

The following —— notable dividends have just been declared, and will prove very acceptable to the stockholders:

Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities,	3 per ct.
Philadelphia Fire and Inland Navigation and Trust Company,	3 --
Fire Insurance Company of the County of Philadelphia,	3 --
Union Insurance Co. of Philadelphia,	5 --
Bank of Pennsylvania,	2½ --
Bank of North America,	2½ --
Phila. Exchange Co. for the year,	4 --
Delaware and Raritan Canal and Camden and Amboy Railroad Co.	3 --

Loan from the Banks.

The rumor which was current last week, that the Governor had made a demand upon the Banks which accepted the Revenue Bill, for the deficiency in the loan, does not appear correct, as the circular which we annex seems only to tender the privilege of further subscription, to be accepted or declined at the option of the Bank.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Harrisburgh, June 25th, 1841.

SIR—The subscriptions by the banks which accepted the provisions of the act to provide revenue, of the 4th of May last, to the loan of $3,100,000 authorized by the said act, amount to the sum of $1,675,910—leaving a deficit of $1,424,090. It is provided by the 20th section of the said act, that the commission or refusal of any bank, subject to the payment of tax on its dividends, shall not effect the rights or privileges conferred on the banks complying with the same, but the amount of the said loan, not taken, may be distributed amongst the other banks of the commonwealth, according to the proportions designated in the 7th section of the act. In compliance with the provisions of this section, the Governor has directed the amount of the loan not taken as aforesaid, to be distributed amongst the accepting banks, according to the proportions designated in the said 7th section. By this distribution, the proportion of your bank will be —— per cent. of your capital, equal to the sum of —— dollars. I have been directed by the Governor to transmit to you this statement and distribution, in order that the same may be submitted to the Board of Directors of your bank—with the request that their decision upon it, and whether they agree to make the subscription to supply their proportion of the said deficit, may be forwarded, as soon as convenient, to this department.

I am yours, respectfully,

(Signed) FRS. R. SHUNK,
Secretary of Commonwealth.

Bankrupt Law.

The Speaker laid before the House a Message from the President of the United States, enclosing a memorial from citizens of New York, praying the passage of a bankrupt law. The memorial was signed by 3000 persons. The Message was read, and is in the following words:

To the House of Representatives of the United States.

The accompanying memorial in favor of the passage of a bankrupt law, signed by twenty-three thousand of the inhabitants of the city of New York, has been forwarded to me, attended by a request that I would submit it to the consideration of Congress. I cannot waive a compliance with a request so urged upon me by so large and respectable a number of my fellow citizens. That a bankrupt law, carefully guarded against fraudulent practices, and embracing, as far as practicable, all classes of society—the failure to do which has heretofore constituted a prominent objection to the measure—would afford extensive relief, I do not doubt. The distress incident to the derangement of some years past has visited large numbers of our fellow citizens with heavy misfortune, whose energies, both mental and physical, by reason of the load of debt pressing upon them, are lost to the country. Whether Congress shall deem it proper to enter upon the consideration of this subject at its present extraordinary session, it will doubtless wisely determine. I have fulfilled my duty to the memorialists in submitting their petition to your consideration.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, June 30, 1841.

Compounding Felony.

The Fredericksburg Gazette gives the following details of the precise way in which the money taken from the Bank was returned, and how the negotiations were carried on with the Rogues, through the intervention of a Lawyer.

Wiley, the attorney, addressed a letter to the Directors, dated New York, stating that he could furnish some information about the stolen funds of the Bank, if he could have a personal interview with some authorized individual. On the receipt of this letter, Mr. Wise and Mr. Beall both left for that city, and arrived there on Sunday evening.

The Fredericksburg Journal then gives the following details of this singular and unprecedented negotiation:

Early on Monday morning Mr. Wiley was seen by the agents of the Bank, who found him engaged in the exchange of the drafts at his office, being that of an associate Justice of one of the inferior Courts of the City of New York. He was recently, if not now, a practising lawyer in the Court of that city. The agents were received by Mr. Wiley with assurance that no obstacle should be thrown in the way of a speedy recovery of the plundered funds of the Bank. Mr. W. requested a delay of a few days, as the individual professing to know something about the funds was absent at the South. Nothing was heard till Wednesday evening, when Mr. W. called on the agents, who agreed to pay 8 per cent. for the restoration of the lost issues of the Bank. Mr. W. took with him this proposition, and in the morning notified the agents that he would accept it. It was still not in his power to say what day the funds could come into his possession, but pledged himself to deliver them at the earliest possible moment after they came into his possession. Nothing more was hard before Saturday morning, when about ten o'clock Mr. Wiley called on Messrs. Wise and Beall, and said that he was prepared to deliver the property of the Bank.

Mr. Wiley then went to the New York Bank, and in the presence of Mr. Beall requested the Cashier to go with them and assist in counting the money. He also procured the aid of Mr. Hearn, a respectable merchant in Alderman Christian. On Monday, also, a notorious character was arrested on a charge of participation in the same robbery, and was committed by the Mayor for a further hearing.

THE PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE.—This old and well established paper has passed to the hands of Messrs. Russel, M'Carty & Co., by whom it will hereafter be published. The name that appears are sufficient evidence that it will be conducted with an upright, enterprising spirit. The editorial department is to be filled by Mr. Hoover, who is already known in connection with the press, as a polished and vigorous writer. The marine department is to continue under the direction of Mr. Knorr, who has for the last twenty years so successfully performed its duties.

IRON PILLARS.—In some of the new stores going up about town, we notice the introduction of cast iron hollow pillars instead of granite or marble columns. They have the advantage of strength, security from fire, and cenvenying but little room. They certainly are the cheapest material, when durability and strength are considered. In a country so abundantly supplied with the raw material, and where it is reduced to any shape with such ease, its use in private and public edifices must soon become extensive in Pennsylvania.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—The schooner Runner, now lying at Kinsey's lower street wharf, and owned by Mr. John Rink, was anchored off Cohanzie, 25 struck by lightning during the storm on the evening of Monday last. The electric fluid shattered the mainmast, and ran down the mainmast through the main deck, rippin it open, and knocking the water casks about as if they cost nothing. The companion doors were burst open, and all the hands who had taken shelter in the cabin, were knocked down, but not much injured.

COLLISION ON THE DELAWARE.—

THE OLIO.

Variety's the spice of life.
That gives it all its flavor.

From the Southern Literary Messenger.

Song.

The lads—I wonder how they guess it,
I'm seen I know,
And if I love, I no'er confess it—
How can they guess so well?
I'm sure 't was so I told my laddie—
I would not love—not I.
He says I was jo, the saucy laddie
He saw yes in my eye.

My mother says I'm naughty—very?
For I am scarce fifteen;
I vowed, to please the dame so chary,
My love should ne'er be seen.
And still 't was so I told my laddie,
And still—I wonder why!
He kissed me—ah, the saucy laddie!
He saw love in my eye.

The little love, I bade him carry,
Aside wins my breast,
But when he heard my gentle Harry,
The rebel would not rest.
And while I thought the boy was sleeping—
Ahoh, he is no sly!
I found the wanton at Harry peeping,
Ay, peeping through my eye.

Winchester. CATULLUS.

From the United States Gazette.

Mr. Chandler:—In your paper of Thursday, I noticed some mention of an old versification of the Psalms of David. The author's name was not given, but I believe it to be Thomas Sutton, who among other services to the Dissenting church in the early part of the seventeenth century, versified the Psalms.

It was not very well received, however, so that it soon fell into disuse. A small edition was first published in 1627, of which there are but two copies now known to be extant, one in the possession of Sir John Buchanan an antiquary of Leeds, and the other in the Cottonian Library.—While in England, a few years since I visited that depository of ancient and modern lore, and had the permission of the worthy Librarian, to take copies of such things as might strike my fancy—my eye caught the above work as I was about leaving, and as my time was limited I had to content myself with transcribing the 133d psalm, which was as follows:

Behoide how goode,
Qu'hon rightly viewed
Into the thone who bee
Ralacionate alle,
Bethe greate and smalle.
To dwelle in unitie.

For one is lyke
Y precious myrhe,
Kaane Aarones beatie pdowne,
Whilk beardd'to skirte
Ex'n of his shirte.
Hadde ye ointmentie yypowre

As Hermonne dew
Descended lowe
On Zion gracious he.
For there Ye Lorde,
Lette his goode worde
Eyn life whilk lasts for aye

June 12, 1841 A LOVER OF ANCIENT POETRY

Russia.

There is a great scarcity of able men in Russia, and with the degraded state of public education, and general corruption of morals that prevail there, it would be a subject for wonder were it otherwise. The ministries for foreign affairs, and the financial and police departments are in the hands of foreigners, as is also the army, where, from the semi-barbarous condition of the people, native talent should thrive. The especial favor shown to Germans commenced previous to the present reign, and was connected partly with an introduction of European reforms, and partly with an idea, on the part of the Czars, of self-preservation against their own subjects, which, it was supposed, would have especially prevailed under the present reign. There has, however, existed all along a strong opposition to these Germans among the ancient Russian nobility, and under circumstances, they are styled the *old Russian party*, both from jealousy of the advantages enjoyed by them, and from dislike to the peculiar interests of the foreign party, always opposed to the rest of the nation. The German party was in such very high favor during the reign of Alexander, that when General Yermoloff, a man of high military reputation, was asked by the Emperor what favor he would have bestowed upon him, the reply was, "Let me be promoted as a German." It met with a check, however, during the Polish war, when General Diebitsch, a German, with a host of German generals, at the head of 90,000 men, was defeated in several battles by an inferior number of Poles.

Beautiful Sentiment.

Oh, humbly take what God bestows,
And like his own fair flowers,
Look up in sunshine with a smile,
And gentle tears in showers.

To Let.—The following is a copy, verbatim, punctuation, et literatim, as the classics have it, of a notice "To Let," posted up at one of the public houses in Cambridge. So great a literary curiosity, penned and posted within sight of the walls of that ancient seat of learning, the classic Harvard, deserves a wider circulation. To Let Part of House in Auburn St near the Baptist Meeting house in Cambridge Consisting of Kitching with boiler and Oven, Sinnue room with good water and Bedroom below, and two chambers without Buildings May 1.

Freedom of the Press.—At a public meeting in England, "the weather was warm, and there stood near me a little fat gentleman, who seemed much incommoded by the crowd. There came pressing behind him a tall raw-boned Scotch man, a messenger from the Tweed. 'What do you mean, sir?' said the fat gentleman, 'by crowding and jostling in this manner?' 'Who are you, sir?' 'Sir, I'm one of the gentlemen connected with the press.' 'I thought so, by jabbers!' was the ready reply, 'for you have nearly squeezed my life out.'"

Old Poetry.—If the following lines, written by an ancient Governor of Connecticut, do not border on the beautiful, they at least partake of the sublime:

Abigail Lord, of her own accord,
Went down to see her sister,
Mr. James Lee, bold as a flea,
Jumped right up and kiss'd her.

Mean Men.—Comparatively speaking, we admire a mule to one of these two-legged animals, usually denominated "mean men"—who have neither soul nor manly looks. If we were governor-general, every "baker's son" of them should be columbiad, and they obliged to submit on each other's littleness for the remainder of their days.

Swearing out of it.—A Hibernian was once taken to prison for stealing a gun. On hearing that a man who had stolen a goose, had got released because he procured a witness who swore that he possessed the bird when it was a gosling. Pat tried to get a fellow to swear that he had the gun ever since it was a pistol.

"When you write, pray pay the Post"—The following is copied from a country contemporary, who says his correspondents are in the habit of putting him in "a fix" with postage

"*Notice.*—☞ No notice is taken of no letter on which no postage is not paid."

Satire.—Satire is almost always ill-humor well expressed. Satire wit breaks up free, open conversation. People fear and hate it. A certain respect is due to every man's opinion and character, if respectable, and even to his weakness. The satirist wit heeds not these.

Influence of Woman.—"There is something to me, that makes me nervous, "very suffering in the presence of women; some strange influence, even if one is not in love with them. I always feel in better humor with myself and every thing else, if there is a woman within ken."

The Great Lawyer.—A stranger having entered the apartment where the Emperor Napoleon was shaving himself, when in a little town in Italy, he said, "I want to see your great Emperor—what are you to him?" The Emperor replied, "I shave him."

Love.—There is a pithy little epigram in the Greek Anthology, on a statue of Cupid—its translation is to this effect:—

"Who is this, sir, thy master, pray?
He was, or is, or is to be.

A Pitiful Old Lady having refused a sixpence to her nephew, he expostulated with her, and questioned her plainly to divulge her reasons. "I see the villain in your face," said she. "That is a *personal reflection*, madam," answered the lover.

A Rare Boy.—"Ephraim," said Simon, "what does a young fellow look like, when gallanting his sweetheart through a shower?" "Why," said Ephraim, looking at his boots, "he has very much the appearance of a rain fence."

The Old Lady's Wheel.—"Ah, Jerry," said a good natured lady her son—then the eminent Judge in a neighboring state—"ah Jerry, you need'nt despise the wheel, for I spun many a day to send you to college."

True to Nature.—A sign painter says a contemporary near our office has painted a raw beef steak so exquisitely, that the dogs wag their tails and look wistfully every time they pass the window.

Rank and Talent.—Many a man may justly think his talent for his rank, but no man has ever yet been able to return the compliment by thinking his rank for his talent.

Letter from an Uncle.

On Tight Lacing.

Dear Mary:—You should have consulted me, before you put on corsets: I would have dissuaded you from it. However, your mentioning it the instant you supposed that I might not approve it, atones for the omission—unless indeed, your fears has already suffered most serious injury; as I fear it has. That extreme weakness when you sit or stand—that sinking of the spirits—that aversion to walking, or rising on horseback!—My dear child, I pray Heaven you may not have stored up for yourself an amount of unhappiness that you little suspect!

A very slight knowledge of the delicate and curiously wrought fabric in which the lungs play and the heart beats, is enough to *show* (I say not the dangerous or hurtful, but) the *fatal* effects of tight lacing; whether with, or without corsets. *Fatal*, to activity, to energy, to good spirits, to health, and ultimately to life.

You may see a picture of that fabric—the bones of the human trunk—in any cyclopedia, or book of anatomy; or in Combe's admirable Physiology." See the spinal, or back-bone; composed of twenty-four joints called *vertebræ*, all piled one upon another, and perforated from end to end by the spinal marrow—which is only an elongation, or offshoot, of the brain. From the upper half of the spine, proceed twelve ribs on each side, curving forward and outward, till they approach within one, or two, or three inches, of the *sternum*, or breast-bone; when their bony substance ends, and they become mere gristles, some of which are knotted or hinged into the breast-bone, as the ribs are into the spine. The breast-bone is long and flat—as such or more broad—extending lengthwise about six or eight inches, from the throat to the pit of the stomach: and is held firm in its place chiefly by the rib-gristles above-mentioned, and by the collar bones, which come across from the shoulders and are fitted into its upper end. All these bones and gristles are very soft in childhood, but hasten as we grow up, and are strongest at the age of thirty or forty. They, all together, form a spacious arched chamber or cavity, in which the heart, lungs, and immerurable arteries, veins, valves, and muscles, perform their important offices: contracting, dilating; inhaling fresh air with one set of cells, using part of it to purify the venous blood, and then exhaling the rest through another set; receiving from the veins blood which has gone its round,—cleansing it with wonderful art in a few moments, and sending it on again by the arteries to meander through, and renovate continually every part of the frame. At every breath the lungs dilate and contract—at every breath the heart receives a tide of blood into one of its divisions, and pours out an equal tide from another; propelling it with a force equal to forty or fifty pounds weight. For all these delicate and momentous operations, the chamber which Nature has provided is exactly of the proper size; not a hair's-breadth too small, or a hair's-breadth too large. Nay, it is large enough, and the vital movements can be performed, only by certain motions of the bones which compose it. The rib *hinge* into the spine, and the gristles and collar bones hinge into the sternum; there are joints also where the ribs and gristles unite. By means of these hinges and joints, the bones and gristles incessantly play in and out, or up and down, at each movement of the lungs; and to their healthful movement, the *freedom* of that play is indispensible.

Now a corset, or tight lacing of any kind, fetters the free play of those bones; destroys all the advantage of the joints and hinges which nature has provided; and by compressing the arteries, lungs, and heart more—besides depriving them of the aid, the impulse they derive from the motion of the bones and muscles. But all this is not half the mischief. The muscles, especially at the point or hinge, being soft in young people,—and the gristles much softer—are compressed by the lacing, so as to approach nearer and nearer to the breast-bone in front; sometimes they lap over it, and meet each other; nay, there are instances of tight lacing, where the ribs have not only passed the *sternum* and met, but have over-lapped each other! Far short of that extreme, however, fatal effects may be expected. Quite a moderate degree of lacing causes the hinge points of the ribs several inches forward, and to press the sternum inwards; narrowing, just so much, that chamber which was at first *not a hair's-breadth too large* for the lungs and heart to work in—besides stopping the auxiliary motion of the bones themselves. The consequences need not be detailed. That the lungs, thus cribbed, and forced to beat every breath against the contiguous walls of their prison, should be inflamed and diseased; that the breathing should become short and difficult; that the heart should be subject to unnatural palpitations, and no longer drive the blood with regular and healthful vigor through the arteries; that youth's joyous and active sports must be prematurely abandoned; and that life itself, perhaps after years of suffering, should retire from its beleaguered and oppressed citadel to be at rest.

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After having worn corsets for some time, the victim finds herself excessively weak on taking them off; waking, standing, or sitting up in a chair or a reclining posture alone is easy. This is because the muscles—those massive cords or bands of lean flesh—which traverse the back and sides, and support the spine by nature, have had their power, (Omnipotent, alas!) taken from her by relieving them of their duty and left them idle, till they have become relaxed and feeble—nay, have shrunk to half size; for muscles, and all the bodily organs, are strengthened by exercise and enfeebled by the want of it; like the memory. Take away the corset, therefore, and the spinal column totters for lack of support!

This debility must be fought against. The corset must be left off for several hours every day, and for a longer and longer time daily. While it is off, the whole body must be rubbed briskly, and as hard as can well be endured, for 15 or 20 minutes at a time, with a coarse towel, or flesh-brush; and the patient must ride on horseback, or walk, till somewhat fatigued—keeping as erect as possible. One or more companions to walk and ride on horseback rides, with lively conversation. The rubbing should be done by the patient as far as practicable; and then by a servant or friend. When the corset is put on again, it should be made no lighter than is absolutely necessary to support the frame: and the degree of tightness should be lessened every day—as it may readily be, while the muscles regain their strength. After dry-rubbing for some days, it may be well to apply some cold water with a sponge or the hand, and then rub dry with the coarse towel.

This plan pursued for a few months—perhaps even for six weeks—will cause the wasted muscles to swell and strengthen, so that the corset may be laid aside altogether; as it should be, the moment it can be spared—Laid aside, never, never to be resumed, unless an accoucheur or consulting physician should deliberately prescribe it. For all doctors are not to be trusted on this subject, any more than upon the question of total abstinence from ardent spirits. Some have their prejudices for strong drink these advise its use, and thus multiply drunkards. Some are prejudiced in favor of corsets; and thus lay many a poor girl in her grave, after a rickety and painful life of burdensome years.

Your loving uncle G. T.

"Comic on Health—in Harper's Family Library.

"The diaphragm is a strong membrane, stretching some what horizontally across the bottom of the trunk, just below the lungs and heart; dividing the chest or thorax from the abdomen, or lower cavity, in which are the stomach, &c.

"It may not be generally known, that muscle is nothing more or less than lean flesh. Toward the points, the bones and strands into tendon.

Cabbages.

Borrowing.

We have received a letter, says the Boston Post, from a correspondent, in which he speaks in strong terms of reprobation of borrowing in general, and book borrowing in particular. He talks like a man who has suffered some. He says he lived at one time on the banks of the Susquehanna, and was thus the unhappy victim of the extent to which the practice is carried.

"Will you lend me your axe?" You want want to use it, I reckon."

"Why, I'll let you take it, seeing you want it."

In about two months the owner does want to use his axe, and applies to the borrower of it, but he does not get it—"the last he saw of it Mr. Fletcher had it to cut some rails with."

"The boat yonder then goes to Mr. Fletcher.

"Stranger, have you seen my axe? I lent it to Mr. Bent Fother'ds."

"Why, yes, I reckon Mr. Bower's got it. He said he wanted to chop some firewood, so I lent it to him. "You'd best ask him for it."

He goes. "Morrow," Mr. Bower—how's your wife?

"Lively, I reckon—how's yours?"

"About right, I reckon—have you had hold o' my axe?"

"I reckon I have. I have smoothed the handle—it was a powerful weak one—but you can hand it, and when you're done with it, I'd like to borrow it again, 'cause I have a smart chance of wood to cut, and want to use it specially."

Sunday in the Country.

The annexed description of a Sunday in the country, we take from one of a series of papers in the Knickerbocker Magazine, entitled "Sketches in the Country." We infer them to be from the pen of Miss Sedgwick, from the strong resemblance which the last number bears to "Our Burial Place," written by her some time since, for the same paper. We need not ask the reader to admire with us the winning simplicity of the style, and the Daguerreotype faithfulness of the picture.

"The calm, basking sunshine had laid on the green landscape with such richness and beauty on Saturday evening, that one could not distrust the pledge for a glorious morrow; and I had risen early, early even for the country, to enjoy the morning. It was, indeed, one of peculiar beauty. There was not a cloud to be seen in the heavens. The sun was not yet up, but his brightness came before him over the mountains, as if waking them from their slumbers. All was still, as one loves it to be on a Sabbath morning, save the sweet orisons of the red-breast and cricket, going up to Him who "feedeth the birds," and the sound of a distant waterfall breaking clear upon the ear. I stood upon a little eminence, which overlooked the country a few miles around. The sun had not risen. The earth looked beautiful and new as at the creation, and lo! sunward a hundred peaks were glowing in gold and amethyst, like giant spirits of a world of light. The whole landscape there is a stillness, showing that man rests from his labors, and every thing rests with him. The sturdy ox, which had toiled at the plough, or dragged along the weary load, through the morning week days, is grazing quietly on the sunny slopes; the cows are sluggishly moving toward the pastures; the milk-maid suppresses her song as she bears the plentiful store from the farm-yard; and the very herd-boy looks cautiously far up and down the lane, before he ventures the stone, twice aimed, at the unoffending chip-muck.

All look as if they knew the day and hour,
And felt with man the need and joy of thanks.

"The breakfast is partaken in quietness; the Sunday morning breakfast, of rich brown meats; the tables are cleared and set away; and the household are assembled around the family altar, while from the 'big ha' Bible,' the father 'wales a portion with judicious care,' and leads in the devotions. After prayers, each betakes himself to occupations for Sabbath. The children are made ready in well-brushed Sunday clothes, with clean faces and smooth hair, and seated to their lessons for the Sunday school. So still is every duty performed, that the tick of the tall clock is audible through the house, and the sense of religious awe seems to live in the very atmosphere.

"As we took our way to the church, the same stillness covered the whole face of nature, broken only by the hum of the honey-bees, gathering sweets from the way-side flowers, or the cawing of the crows from the distant fields. Neatly dressed people were moving in groups toward the meeting; the early and tidy housewife, with her husband, and children, and the grey-headed, with a sobriety and decorum in unison with the solemnity of the day. The church was a neat white building, standing just out of the deep mountain forest, and overlooking a wide country of water and land, many miles around. It had no bell, no steeple, no organ; nothing but the four unadorned walls, the simple pews, and the high massive pulpit, where the man who has to preach sitteth, in pride, nor the poor man temptations to his envy. Every thing was in keeping—the people with the house, the pastor with his people. There was not only a neat and comfortable appearance in the people and heart move—besides depriving them of the aid, the impulse they derive from the motion of the bones and muscles. But all this is not half the mischief. The muscles, especially at the point or hinge, being soft in young people,—and the gristles much softer—are compressed by the lacing, so as to approach nearer and nearer to the breast-bone in front; sometimes they lap over it, and meet each other; nay, there are instances of tight lacing, where the ribs have not only passed the *sternum* and met, but have over-lapped each other! Far short of that extreme, however, fatal effects may be expected. Quite a moderate degree of lacing causes the hinge points of the ribs several inches forward, and to press the sternum inwards; narrowing, just so much, that chamber which was at first *not a hair's-breadth too large* for the lungs and heart to work in—besides stopping the auxiliary motion of the bones themselves. The consequences need not be detailed. That the lungs, thus cribbed, and forced to beat every breath against the contiguous walls of their prison, should be inflamed and diseased; that the breathing should become short and difficult; that the heart should be subject to unnatural palpitations, and no longer drive the blood with regular and healthful vigor through the arteries; that youth's joyous and active sports must be prematurely abandoned; and that life itself, perhaps after years of suffering, should retire from its beleaguered and oppressed citadel to be at rest.

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After having worn corsets for some time, the victim finds herself excessively weak on taking them off; waking, standing, or sitting up in a chair or a reclining posture alone is easy. This is because the muscles—those massive cords or bands of lean flesh—which traverse the back and sides, and support the spine by nature, have had their power, (Omnipotent, alas!) taken from her by relieving them of their duty and left them idle, till they have become relaxed and feeble—nay, have shrunk to half size; for muscles, and all the bodily organs, are strengthened by exercise and enfeebled by the want of it; like the memory. Take away the corset, therefore, and the spinal column totters for lack of support!

This debility must be fought against. The corset must be left off for several hours every day, and for a longer and longer time daily. While it is off, the whole body must be rubbed briskly, and as hard as can well be endured, for 15 or 20 minutes at a time, with a coarse towel, or flesh-brush; and the patient must ride on horseback, or walk, till somewhat fatigued—keeping as erect as possible. One or more companions to walk and ride on horseback rides, with lively conversation. The rubbing should be done by the patient as far as practicable; and then by a servant or friend. When the corset is put on again, it should be made no lighter than is absolutely necessary to support the frame: and the degree of tightness should be lessened every day—as it may readily be, while the muscles regain their strength. After dry-rubbing for some days, it may be well to apply some cold water with a sponge or the hand, and then rub dry with the coarse towel.

This plan pursued for a few months—perhaps even for six weeks—will cause the wasted muscles to swell and strengthen, so that the corset may be laid aside altogether; as it should be, the moment it can be spared—Laid aside, never, never to be resumed, unless an accoucheur or consulting physician should deliberately prescribe it. For all doctors are not to be trusted on this subject, any more than upon the question of total abstinence from ardent spirits. Some have their prejudices for strong drink these advise its use, and thus multiply drunkards. Some are prejudiced in favor of corsets; and thus lay many a poor girl in her grave, after a rickety and painful life of burdensome years.

Your loving uncle G. T.

From the New York Mirror

The Rural Sabbath.

Hail Sacred day of universal rest!
By heaven ordain'd in mercy to mankind;
The body's nurse by six days' care opprest;
Thy soothing influence comes to calm the mind
Labor in these doth intermission find;
Sobriety and peace succeed to fully;
Man's soften'd heart to charity inclined;
All nature calls alike to proud and lowly,
"Remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy."

When pride and luxury for aye hath dwelt
In the gay city's busy, senseless throng,
Ev'n there the Sabbath's influence is felt,
Midst cares and carelessness, and sighs and song.
A week of toil, laborious and long,
Is pass'd, and nature's holiday begins;
All now is still the vacant streets among,
Till solemn bells call all to pray who can,
And heaven vouchsafes sweet intercourse with sinful man

But lovelier far the tranquil Sabbath morning
Benignant smiles on some sequester'd spot,
With enhance said the village spires adorning,
The pleasant farm-house and the laborer's cot.
The sweat of toil, man's universal lot,
Primeval curse, on this blest day suspended
The plough in the neglected furrow lies forgot.
Sweet rural scenes! working days are ended,
And man, and beast, and all things rest, as God attended

The patriot sit, from cumbrous yoke set free.
Eager the general respite to partake,
Now seeks the shade of some wide-spreading tree,
Or laves his hoge limbs in the cooling lake
The anvil sore so echo doth awake,
Hush'd is its accustom'd clamor of the mall
The crafty pedlar too, forced to forsake
His trade itinerant against his will.
Closes his pack, but thinks on gains prospective still

Now cheerful peals from yonder modest spire,
To prayer invite the rustic, rural throng:
And old and young, in decent, clean attire,
In scatter'd groups move soberly along;
And greetings kind and friendly chat prolong
Their walk—whilst sanctimous, lingering fir apart,
The timid maid, who doubts if love be wrong
By half-concealing blush doth joy impart
To the fond swain who tenders her a faithful heart

Ascending now with bounding steps the aisle,
The Sunday-school pour's in its swelling tide.
And nature's tokens same sh' approving smile.
Benignant plan, the youthful steps to guide
Religion's offspring and the patriot's pride!
Anon is heard the solemn anthem's sound
By self-instructed choristers supplied
Notes more refined, and more devout, are found
Where Hodge's gutturous strains from vaulted roof rebound

Now when the solemn pray'r to heaven ascends,
And seems to meet devout response from all.
When eloquence to truth persuasion lends,
And fervency enforces virtue's call.
Ye sceptics, ye unpitiable, ye fall
Perchance some village Wainwright leads the mind
To pious deeds and thoughts devotional
By arts persuasive, eloquent and kind—
For oft in scenes like this such holy men we find

The service o'er, and many a parting word
Exchanged, and many a neighbourly farewell,
The farmer seeks his home and well-spread board,
Where plenty, temperately enjoyed, doth well,
And grateful hearts in honest beseems swell;
And then with conscious pride his steps may stray
Where well-till'd fields of promised harvests tell,
And exclaim—"Sweet Sabbath-day thou dost pass away
Brightly as it began, a rural Sabbath-day.

Stimulants of Literature.

In Spain, the church, in England, Protestantism, and in France, the wars of religion were the principal stimulants to literature. It is remarkable how little the grand results of maritime discovery affected works of imagination, at the time they excited throughout Western Europe the most lively and personal interest. Perhaps they were too distant, too vague, and too gigantic for representation; the actors were lost in the magnitude of the events; the events scattered over an illimitable scene; and the scene itself unattached to any of those moral symptoms, which, concentrated in a focus, kindle, and the triumphs of the church the perpetual themes of heroic song. The most truly epic of Christian poets, Camoens, is indebted for the romantic and picturesque of his poem, not to Portuguese and Spanish, but to "gorgeous East," than to the art with which he has interwoven among them his own personal experience, and the historical glories of his native nation into the main portion of his own times, the subjective being of the poet has become a legitimate and frequent argument of song; but in the seventeenth century, when poetry was much more a representative art than the utterance of individual feelings, it was the interest of the age, that these new combinations the objective materials be inherited, either from mediæval myths or from ethnic art, and to make his work a continuous reflection of the minds of his contemporaries, and of those who were to come after, the impress of Petrarch, and the epos that of Virgil and Aristotle. At two very different stages of modern art, Tasso and Milton, the representatives of the opposite hemispheres of Christian poetry, selected from every region of literature whatever was most perfect or most capable of elaboration, and imaged forth in ample and regular forms, the mystic and sensuous temperament of the South, the other the masculine and imaginative genius of the Teutonic mind. A like harmony exists between Calderon and Shakspeare, with a similar difference in its mode of operation. The one with the devout feelings of a recluse, whose meditations and whose dreams derive their form and color from the presence of his tutelar saint, and who, in his daily communings and in his warm and vivid imagination, has been withdrawn from what to other eyes is but the rude or feeble work of the limner, bent down before the loveliness of art, with the glad and docile faith of a disciple. Hence, in his purely imaginative works—the fertility of his fancy in his comedies of intrigue is more the national than the personal characteristic of the poet—Calderon is the passive recipient of the beautiful, rather than, like Shakspeare, the creator of the beautiful, who, after beholding from the beginning the perfect form of his work, and surveys it when finished no longer as a portion of his own being, but of the objective world around him, and of the susceptibilities of which he has been commissioned, with the same resignation of themselves, the Teutonic poets assert their creative privilege, and compel the protean spirit of beauty to acknowledge the higher energy of the will and the reason.

Tasso's Jerusalem.

It is easy to censure the faults of this admirable poem. The supernatural machinery is perhaps somewhat an excess, yet this had been characteristic of the romantic school of poetry, which had moulded the taste of Europe, and is seldom displeasing to the reader. A still more unequivocal blemish is the disproportionate influence of love upon the heroic crusaders, giving a tinge of effeminacy to the whole poem, and exciting something like contempt in the austere critics, who have no standard of excellence in epic song but what the ancients have erected for us. But while we must acknowledge that Tasso has indulged too far the inspirations of his own temperament, it may be candid to ask ourselves how far our own feelings, if we have not been so full of carnage, did not require many of the softer touches which he has given it! His battles are as spirited and picturesque as those of Ariosto, and perhaps more; but those of Virgil, but to the taste of our times he has a little too much of promiscuous slaughter. The Iliad had here set an unfortunate precedent, which epic poets thought themselves bound to copy. If Erminia and Armida had not been introduced, the classical critic might have censured less in the "Jerusalem," but it might have been far less also the delight of mankind.

Whatever may be the laws of criticism, every poet will best obey the dictates of his own genius. The skill and imagination of Tasso made him equal to descriptions of war; but his heart was formed for that sort of pensive voluptuousness which most distinguishes his poetry, and which is very unlike the coarser sensuality of Ariosto. He lingers around the gardens of Armida as though he had himself been her thrall. The Florentine critics schematically attempted her final reconciliation with Rinaldo in the eleventh canto, and the removal of their lovers; for the reader is left with no other expectation. Nor was their counsel unsound, since it is a sacrifice of what should be the predominant sentiment in the composition of the poem. But Tasso seems to have become fond of Armida, and could not endure to leave in sorrow and despair the creature of his ethereal fancy, whom he had made so fair and so winning. It is probable that the majority of readers are pleased with the passage, but it can never escape the condemnation of severe judges.

Tasso, doubtless, bears a considerable resemblance to Virgil. But independently of the vast advantages which the Latin language possesses in majesty and vigor, and which render exact comparison difficult as well as unfair, it may be said that Virgil displays more patiences, more extensive observation, and imaginative genius of the Teutonic mind. A like harmony exists between Calderon and Shakspeare, with a similar difference in its mode of operation. The one with the devout feelings of a recluse, whose meditations and whose dreams derive their form and color from the presence of his tutelar saint, and who, in his daily communings and in his warm and vivid imagination, has been withdrawn from what to other eyes is but the rude or feeble work of the limner, bent down before the loveliness of art, with the glad and docile faith of a disciple. Hence, in his purely imaginative works—the fertility of his fancy in his comedies of intrigue is more the national than the personal characteristic of the poet—Calderon is the passive recipient of the beautiful, rather than, like Shakspeare, the creator of the beautiful, who, after beholding from the beginning the perfect form of his work, and surveys it when finished no longer as a portion of his own being, but of the objective world around him, and of the susceptibilities of which he has been commissioned, with the same resignation of themselves, the Teutonic poets assert their creative privilege, and compel the protean spirit of beauty to acknowledge the higher energy of the will and the reason.

A Page of Life.

BY MRS. MARY E. BENNETT

Roll back the scroll!—What record would it show hide?
What's this I see?
The of a bright-haired child that grew beside
Its mother's knee

Of childhood's tears in childhood's eyes effaced.
Like summer rain—
Of childhood's joyous shouts, and childhood's laughter
And chased in vain

Of hopes that take the grass-fetters made
The extended hand—
A heart that deemed its resting-place a rock
Of sand

A cup that seemed to the o'er-crowd brim,
Outpoured to bless—
Incensed to the very dregs in woe, to drain
Its bitterness

Friends (it a lonely heart, in secret made
And time went high
Whispering the chastened one to seek for aid
In his sky

And, as I read, the precepts here I learn,
With teaching rife—
Take back the scroll!—I may no longer turn
The leaf of life

True, that with many a darkened line are wrought
The page hath been
Yet oh! the kinds between it hath taught
To write within

Light.

Light is the great agent of life and beauty. Without it, vegetable and animal life would become extinct. The light of the Divine Wisdom, controlling and vivifying agency, the world would be

Somnolent, lethean, trackless, mazelessness, lifeless—
A lump of death—a chaos.

Light is also the great colorific principle. Objects have not inherent color, but are colored according to the kind of light which they reflect. Light consists of seven primary colors. This is demonstrated by analysis. And these seven colors, either separately or in various combination, give nature her diversity of tinge, and shade, and hue. And there is an endless variety of color—of the light and the deep, the gay and the gloomy, the bright and the dull, the soft and the glaring. And this is a rich and extended field of pleasure. The eye is delight ed while it beholds objects, great and novel, and beautiful, and the vision diffuses a pleasure through all the mind. But—to change one word in the poet's line—

The color lends enchantment to the scene.

A colorless landscape would be a dreary scene but mantled in the rich drapery and many colored dress of the light, it becomes enchanting. And the fair reader will remember, as she lingers in the flower-garden, attracted by the fragrance and delicacy of the violet, the lily, and the rose, that *light* is the multitude from which Flora has brought their dress. And you have often wandered in the flowery mead at dewy noon, when first the sun peeps from her light upon the world—when the dew-drops sparkle with diamond lustre and the rainbow has, and the flowers revive, all blushing and gay. You have gazed, enchanted, upon the far off hill-top and the distant grove, flesh-robed in the glowing morning. And at evening time, when the sun sinks low and the shadows lengthen upon the lawn, you have lingered and looked, with delighted eye, and raptured heart, upon the closing scenes of day. You have gazed, enchanted, when the sun, with reflective, and refractive beam, throws his bright bow upon the passing cloud, circling and adorning our heaven with all its radiance and glow.

Sudden changes from Heat to Cold.

It is generally supposed that all sudden vicissitudes from heat to cold, are injurious, by suppressing the perspiration; but in opposition to this popular opinion, the fact that great and rapid transitions, as from vapor baths to rolling in the snow, are constantly made in some countries with impunity, and even with advantage to the health, is brought forward. The Roman youth, in the heat of their exercise in the Campus Martius, frequently plunged into the Tiber, not only with impunity, but deriving from it a high enjoyment. The Russians remain in baths heated from 106° deg. to 116 deg. of Fahr., and then, after rolling naked in the snow, return to the bath. Dr. Fordyce and Sir Charles Blagden, in their experiments on this subject, remained from a room, heated to upward of 200 degs. naked, to the cold air, without being injured in the slightest degree by the sudden change of temperature.

It was reserved for Dr. Currie to dispel the popular fallacy on this subject. His views are rational, philosophical and practical. The general truth connected with all sudden transitions from a high to a low temperature, is, that from what is weaker cause the heat of the body is increased, in proportion to this increase (provided no local disease has occurred, and the body is not already in a state in which it is suffering with fever, or in a high state of activity with which cold may be applied. The numerous apparent exceptions, upon which the popular opinion is grounded, will be found not to invalidate the principle, if the circumstances be minutely examined; for it will then be ascertained, that the injuries, which persons have suffered from the application of cold under the circumstances in question, did not arise from its agency on them when hot, but when cooling, after having been heated; when a profuse general perspiration was rapidly carrying off the heat, or when fatigue had exhausted the vigor of the system, and the power of cooling was lost. Becoming the victim of fatigue, the sensation of heat was great and steady, the heat itself retained, or kept up by exertion, and the living power not debilitated by fatigue, the application of cold was safe and salutary.

It must be evident, from the previous statement, that cold may safely be applied to the body when heated, provided the temperature be kept up by exertion, and when the power of generating animal heat remains in the constitution. The popular practice of waiting till a degree of coolness has taken place before quitting a hot room, or before going into a cold bath, is dangerous in the extreme. It is questionable, whether any person ever received an injury from cold, after leaving a heated assembly, if he left while he continued warm, and either by exercise in the air, or by a warm covering, kept up that warmth in some degree until he arrived at home. On the same principle, delicate and infirm persons, before going into a cold bath, are recommended to use such a degree of exercise before immersion as may produce some increase of heat, and thus secure a degree of reaction under the shock.

Men of Homer.

I cannot dwell upon his characters; still it is by studying the Homeric characters, that we obtain the clearest view of Homer's philosophy. The bolder characters, to a certain point, all comprehend; but the nicer shades demand a more accurate, continuous discrimination observation. And these shades occur with infinite variety in the actors of Homer. His men are all fearless, valiant and rude; but this general resemblance, the result of epoch, does not destroy the relief of each physiognomy. Ulysses, for example, has a character perfectly distinct. He is not merely a fearless man, but a man strikingly peculiar to himself; in connection with noble sentiments, he exhibits a *fausse* which belongs to a demibarbarous society where skill is confounded with fraud, where the successful adventurer lies in ambush to wait, he is an orator, withal, but an orator with art, insinuation, subtility, with a design to move that is readily discerned. There is so much reality in the character, and nature that he has been regarded as the type of his nation.

The sombre, anxious and irresolute character of Agamemnon, the wisdom,—somewhat too garrulous,—of Nestor, the modesty and valor—chivalrous, we may call it—of Diomedes, the rough and contemptuously of Ajax form a group which is diversified by an unpresumable delicacy of coloring. And if these minute shades, preserved to the end, do not obtain a Shakspeare, they are yet so clearly and intentional, in connection with a unity so clearly marked, do not demonstrate the presence of one genius, conceiving, foreseeing and arranging the whole and all the parts? Is this not what is an art, reflection, genius? Here we apprehend in these shades, these delicacies, this perpetual harmony between the principal and subordinate events, the refutation of those critics, who have said, or say, that the Iliad and Odyssey are only shreds sewed together, inspirations of different minds, collected, amended and quickened by a common life, an equal warmth and vigorous dignity, by one mind? Critics, critics, grammarians, at different dates and different revisions! Homer undoubtedly was assisted by the poetry of the older bards, but, as the Laocoon could not have been wrought by different artists, unknowing of each other,—one providing, at random, a leg, another a trunk, another an arm or a head,—so that groups of Homer must have sprung from a single mind, for all the movements, attitudes, expressions, and the whole are consistent; one ligament binds them to the unity of the drama, one genius rules them, just as the serpent of Virgil's Laocoon, enfolding and rulme his victims.

Sonnet.

BY MRS. E. C. STEDMAN

My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of those that weep."—*Job 30 31*

Once did the heart exult at coming spring
When many smiles were bright as April skies!
Or if tears ever overflowed my eyes,
They passed as showers, which April clouds do bring,
And quick again my joyous soul took wing.
As when the bird